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Fitia! pleads guilty

» **AG: CNMI laws apply to all citizens without exception**
» **Nutting: Fitia! has decided to throw himself at the mercy of the court**

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Former governor Benigno R. Fitia! pleaded guilty yesterday to two offenses, making him the first chief executive of the Commonwealth to be convicted.

"Guilty, your honor," the 69-year-old Fitia! said when Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman asked him how he pleads to the charges of misconduct in public office and conspiracy to commit theft of services.

Wiseman accepted Fitia!'s guilty plea. **See FITIAL on Page 4**



Police ID's remains found in Obyan

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Police have already identified the person whose skeletal remains were found in a jungle area near Obyan Beach on Monday, according to Department of Public Safety acting spokesman

Jason Tarkong yesterday.

Tarkong, however, stated that the identification will not be released pending notification of the next of kin. He did not elaborate.

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"The case remains open and under investigation," Tarkong said.

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Rota on Typhoon Condition III

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Residents of Rota are being advised to prepare as typhoon force winds brought by Typhoon Dolphin is expected to be felt on the island tomorrow.

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As early as 3pm yesterday, Typhoon Condition III was declared for the municipality of Rota by Gov. Eloy S. Inos and was main- **See ROTA on Page 4**



Special Assistant for Homeland Security and Emergency Management Marvin Seman briefs the media on the strength and possible effects of Typhoon Dolphin. The public is advised to prepare early as the typhoon's track may change and move closer to the CNMI.

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AS GOVERNMENT DEBT INCREASES

CUC 'risks collapse or insolvency'

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Legislative "takeaways," government debt that has ballooned past \$30 million, and unwillingness to make up for the losses with rate increases recalls the catastrophic period of rolling blackouts from 2007 to 2010 for Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Alan Fletcher.

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Meanwhile, another \$350,000 in revenue was lost when CUC regulators did not renew a surcharge after it expired this month.

In a quarterly progress report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Fletcher said long periods of non-payment result in underfunded operations.

In the first half of this fiscal year, government accounts have only paid a combined 58.9 percent of utility bills. This has amassed a fiscal year deficit of \$4.73 million, Fletcher wrote. Government debt sits at \$30 million in unpaid utility bills.

Leading this debt is the island's hospital, or the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., with a "staggering debt" of \$15.6 million, Fletcher wrote. The hospital currently enjoys a temporary restraining order that bars disconnection of services.

Adding to this is CUC's lack of an adequate rate base, Fletcher said.

Pointing to legislation enacted in recent years, Fletcher said these actions have reduced CUC's power, water, and sewer revenues by \$5.7 million, or 12 percent of its operating budget.

He also noted pending legislation to transfer responsibility

of the payment of streetlights to CUC. This would result in an additional \$2 million loss if made into law, he wrote.

"The result of all these legislative actions is that CUC is unable to achieve cost recovery for services and projects," he said.

Fletcher also said that Public Law 18-71 contains an added \$5 million cut in the utility accounts for the Public School System.

"Employing a circuitous logic, this law expressly assigns and offsets unrelated PSS and CHCC utility obligations against the CNMI's payment into" court-ordered projects.

Fletcher said total legislative actions have reduced CUC's revenue by a staggering \$10.7 million, or 25 percent of the budget this fiscal year.

Adding in the current fiscal year's \$4.7 million in under-collection starkly shows that CUC is in "severe distress."

"Regrettably, there exists a lack of political will to provide necessary funding for operations through a recover-charge and temporary surcharge. These decisions question as to whether the utility has met its fiduciary responsibility under CNMI law and the Stipulated Orders [from federal court] to ensure that it recovers its cost of operations and safeguards system reliabil-

ity and environmental compliance," Fletcher said.

These fiscal and operational constraints have combined to threaten CUC's stability and its ability to meet the requirements of stipulated orders.

"There is serious concern as to the future financial health and operational stability of CUC. These unrecovered and operational costs, the lack of political will to recover deficits in rates, combined with legislative "takeaways" in operating revenues can only be managed by reducing operation and program expenditures and by not reinvesting in infrastructure."

"All of these factors together reduce the reliability of services and potentially risks catastrophic failure similar to what the utility experienced in 2007-2010. Regrettably, if CUC is unable to change course and recover its costs of operations, the utility may well be faced again with collapse and/or insolvency," Fletcher said.

In April, CUC presented to its board a \$14 million cash loss in its predominant fuel charge due to government non-payment. The board was asked to approve a recovery-charge of 2.2 cents per kWh to recover this loss. On top of this, a 3.1-cent per kWh surcharge was proposed to make up for the "expected" fu-

ture unpaid bills of the government. This charge would have been temporarily levied on residents and businesses until the government paid its bills.

But in a split vote, the board rejected the recover charge and the government surcharge out of the desire to not increase rates for customers.

The consequence of not recovering this money means that CUC has removed \$14 million from its power, water, and wastewater operation funds to buy fuel.

According to CUC chief financial officer Matthew Yaquinto, CUC is losing between \$700,000 and \$1 million a month in under-collections.

CUC is "unsure what your cash flows are going to be," he said in a presentation to the CUC board on Tuesday. "Do we buy fuel or do we pay salaries? We might come to that point soon in the future in the next few months," Yaquinto said, alluding to the possibility of "rolling blackouts" if this continues.

Yaquinto said they lost \$350,000 in revenue when a 2.1-cent "PIMC" surcharge expired late April. The public utility commission rejected the renewal of this charge last week. They've opted to hear the case again later this year.

On top of this, over \$9 million with interest and principal is owed the Commonwealth Development Agency and the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

CUC board chair Adelina Roberto appeared to disagree with the urgency of the debt to CDA, noting that CDA has not expressed a desire to be blamed for rate increases.

"It just doesn't make sense. I for one will not support the idea that we have to jack up our rate because we have to pay CPA or CDA. It's been there, it's been sitting there for the longest time," Roberto said.

"Until this day we have not dropped a penny on that sinking fund. Maybe we should be looking into ways to create financing and start dropping half a percent on sinking fund to pay them. When we filed for that infrastructure rate, we should have anticipated all this and incorporated all this, and instead of a 2.1-cent charge we should have gone 3 cents," she said.

She suggested that they ask CDA for a moratorium of six years that would also halt interest.

"We've got to start a drastic cut in our costs as well," she added. "We can't keep going back to CPUC saying we need a rate increase so we can start paying our debts," she said, to which CUC counsel James

Sirok interjected.

"A couple of things need to be brought back up," the lawyer said. "Even if we put money into a sinking fund, that money that we put there have to be from our rate payers and it has to be in our rates. You're going to have to do some balancing one way of the other. If you put that in your rates, you have to put something else out of there, if you don't want an increase. You can't put it in our rates and not have a raise one way or the other."

"Number two is even if we deal with the sinking fund issue with CDA for five years, the interest on the port authority debt continues to grow at 6.25 percent," he said, to which Roberto suggest that they do a moratorium for the CPA debt as well.

"My only statement to the board as legal counsel is this: Each of you has a fiduciary duty to manage this corporation in a fiscally responsible manner. That means that it is a priority that you look at the debt service that this corporation has and do something to take care of that debt service. If you are not doing that, then in my opinion, as your legal adviser, then you are not fulfilling your fiduciary responsibility," Sirok said.



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'Police have strong leads in guard's fatal shooting'

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Police have very strong leads in their investigation into the fatal shooting of security guard James Patrick Deleon Guerrero inside a poker arcade in Afetnas last April 21, according to Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero.

In an interview, Commissioner Deleon Guerrero dis-

closed that they are pursuing many leads but at this point they would not classify those individuals as "persons of interest."

He said there are certain thresholds that have to be met before investigators move from one category to another or before they could classify a person as one of interest.

"But we do have very strong leads...some names [from] that particular incident," Deleon Guer-

rero said. "But other than having strong leads, we really don't want to comment any further."

As for the Federal Bureau of Investigation's participation in the investigation, he said DPS and the FBI are working on a number of different projects or investigations together, including the security guard's murder.

"We're going to continue to work with one another. We always have a good working re-

lationship with our federal partners here," he said.

He noted that the FBI has a great deal of resources that DPS can avail of in this cooperative arrangement.

Deleon Guerrero was on duty at Royal Poker in Afetnas when a masked man entered the establishment and shot him with a handgun.

Police found the 39-year-old Deleon Guerrero's body in the bathroom. A female cashier was also shot at, but she was not hit as she had taken cover and locked herself inside the cashier's booth.

The suspect failed to get any money and fled on foot, police said.

An autopsy showed that Deleon Guerrero died of a gunshot wound on the right side of his chest.

Police said the surveillance camera's footage shows that the armed suspect is about 5'8" to 5'10" tall, medium built, was wearing a gray military pattern dress uniform, and a black mask covering his face.

The suspect forced Deleon Guerrero at gunpoint inside the bathroom. The suspect then approached the cashier window

and the female cashier hid under the cashier's booth.

Shots were fired, then the gunman fled the scene on foot toward Beach Road, San Antonio.

The victim, a resident of Chalan Kanoa, is first cousin of Commissioner Deleon Guerrero. When the shooting happened, his son and common-law wife were in Guam.

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Villagomez seeks clarity on budget 'overrun'

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Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) wants to clarify what appears to be an "overrun" from the fiscal year 2014 revised budget, when compared to the annual budget report for the same year.

Villagomez said he is seeking the clarification via House Resolution 19-17, which he filed in late April.

H.R. 19-17 seeks to convey the annual report for fiscal year 2014 to the Office of the Public Auditor and the Office of the Attorney General.

According to Villagomez, lawmakers met with Finance Secretary Larissa Larson last February in which the fiscal year 2014 budget was discussed.

H.R. 19-17 noted the Finance chief's comparison between fiscal year 2014's revised budget versus the fiscal year 2014 annual

report, which showed the appropriated expenditures including earmarked transfers out against outstanding encumbrances out and actual expenditures.

It noted that "the movement of the appropriated expenditures from actual obligations and expenditures plus the movement of the identified revenues from the actual revenues indicated an overall deviation by 4 percent, or an overrun in the amount of \$5,915,155."

"Here we are talking about transparency, etc. I felt this would help with all the discrepancies," Villagomez said.

The lawmaker added that the resolution is "very neutral," and that it does not say there was "overspending or someone's breaking the law."

The fiscal year 2014 budget was reported at \$138 million, which included a supplemental budget for the year.

Villagomez likened the clarification to a "memo on a package" that he wants the Office of the Public Auditor and the Attorney General to look into.

"They are after all the experts when it comes to these concerns," Villagomez said.

An overrun is often described as a cost increase involving "unexpected costs incurred in excess of budgeted amounts."

The lawmaker said his resolution is now currently with the House Committee on Ways and Means. He said the committee will "review" the resolution.

"With all due respect [to the committee] but what are they planning to do? Are they supposed to do what the Public Auditor and Attorney General should do?" Villagomez asked.

He said, however, that he will respect the request of his colleagues for "due process" regarding his resolution.

Ex-DOC officer arrested again, for allegedly smoking 'ice' at bar

A former Department of Corrections officer who was arrested last month for allegedly sexually harassing the wife of former representative Juan Reyes was apprehended again on Monday night for allegedly smoking methamphetamine or "ice" and harassing customers and workers at Naked Fish in Susupe.

When confronted by a police officer, defendant Thomas C. Camacho, 55, called the bar's employees terrorists and showed an identification card that he is a captain at the Central

Intelligence Agency.

Camacho was arrested for illegal possession of a controlled substance and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$25,000 cash. Preliminary hearing is on May 19 at 1:30pm.

Police detective Rudolfo S. Hermosilla stated that Camacho walked into the bar, sat in the corner, ordered several beers, and got mad for no apparent reason.

Camacho started accusing an employee of being a terrorist as he then smoked what

appeared to be "ice." The defendant then started harassing other customers.

A police officer responded and asked Camacho to leave the bar. The defendant was yelling at the employees and called all of them terrorists and that he's a CIA captain.

The officer later found a glass pipe and "ice" wrapped in a paper that was attached to a rubber band on Camacho's right wrist. The seized substance tested positive for "ice." (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Data for SHEFA beneficiaries sought

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House floor leader Rep. George Camacho (R-Saipan) and other lawmakers want the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance to provide data on how many of its beneficiaries have actually reported back to the CNMI after receiving financial assistance.

Lawmakers of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations held a hearing on SHEFA's newly appointed board members on Wednesday.

Camacho is a member of the SNILD JGO committee.

He brought up the question on the returning student-beneficiaries at the nomination hearing.

According to Camacho,

SHEFA has an earmarked budget of "\$3.1 million to \$3.2 million" each year.

It was brought up that most of the appropriations should go to awards, rather than the operations of the SHEFA, Camacho said.

He said related to this, SHEFA was asked how many beneficiaries have actually returned to the CNMI after securing work.

"It is hard to check. When you're done with school, then you look for work. But they [beneficiaries] still need to report and say that they are back and are paying taxes now," Camacho said.

Beneficiaries of SHEFA are mandated to report on their status. Should the beneficiary decide to work and stay in the United States, they should pay the money back to SHEFA,

Camacho said.

"That is the concern, tracking the students, either they quit or started work somewhere," Camacho said, adding that when SHEFA sends out letters, most often the letters are ignored.

The lawmaker said he will be working on "strengthening the provision compelling students to report back to SHEFA" through legislation.

Camacho stressed that lawmakers are "not trying to put anyone in jail," but if someone receives a court summons, instead of just a letter, "they would surely report back."

The SHEFA board appointees include Juan K. Tenorio, Jose C. Mafnas, Ursula A. Lifofoi, Raymond M. Muna, and Oscar Babauta.

Camacho said the appointees are likely to be confirmed during the next SNILD JGO hearing.



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Taste of the Marianas cancelled on May 16

Due to approaching Typhoon Dolphin, the 17th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden will be cancelled this Saturday,

May 16. The festival is expected to resume on May 23, 2015.

Typhoon Dolphin is projected to make its closest approach to the Marianas on

Friday evening. The Marianas Visitors Authority met with stakeholders on Tuesday and issued a decision yesterday.

"In preparation for the

storm, the Division and Parks and Recreation and vendors will have to dismantle the booths and get the site typhoon ready, the stage and

dance floor will also have to be dismantled, and the picnic tables and tents will have to be removed," said MVA Managing Director Perry Tenorio. "As a precaution, and because

the setting up will require at least three days, this week's Taste will be cancelled with the expectation to resume next week. We appreciate the public's understanding." (MVA)

Municipal council, NMTI, women's group work to lessen joblessness

The Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council is working with the Northern Marianas Technical Institute and the CNMI Women's Association to help unemployed Saipan residents get jobs.

Municipal council chair Antonia M. Tudela told *Saipan Tribune* that their efforts primarily focus on those who are finding it hard to land jobs.

"We have this program with our partnering agencies that will improve those that have trouble seeking employment. We want to let them know that there are jobs that are available and that employment shouldn't be an issue," Tudela said.

She said the CNMI Women's Association is also working with Saipan casino licensee Best Sunshine International, Ltd. in finding the people it needs for the live-training facility it will open at the T Galleria in Garapan.

BSI wants to hire 500 personnel and the CNMI Women's Association is working with the company to find suitable candidates for these positions.

"We have a lot of people on the island. I can't give the numbers yet but we are consistent. The reason why we're doing this is for the betterment of those who are unemployed because it is sad if the only income they have is small and they have a family, home, and bills to take care of," Tudela said.

"We are looking for 16 years old and up and Saipan council vice chair Alice Igitol and secretary Lareina Camacho are working tirelessly to find those who need jobs. So we are really working hard and aggressively looking for people with no employment. We need them to be aware of these opportunities," she added.

NMTI will be providing

some training, while the CNMI Women's Association is assisting in helping these individu-

als prepare for job interviews, among others, according to Tudela. (Jayson Camacho)

CUC IRP plan down to five bidders

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is down to five qualified bids for an "Integrated Resource Plan," or a comprehensive energy plan for the utility in the years to come.

Charles Janacek, of Leidos Engineering LLC, updated the CUC board on Tuesday.

He said Leidos, the third party reviewing the bids, received nine "well-developed" proposals in February.

Five of those bids turned out to be qualified, he said. The unqualified bids did not contain required information, he said.

For the review of these bids, he said, costs will not be considered.

They will be reviewing these bids on a "technical" level and will not be "buried by econom-

ics," he said.

He said the IRP is a plan stretching up to 25 years. They will also look at the volatility of gas prices and the potential development and demand on island.

Janacek said in the last six weeks they have been investigating the companies, adding that they expect to give the CUC board an update this summer.

A final report will be ready in September 2015 for the board's discretion, according to Janacek.

CUC's integrated resource plan is described as a plan to determine the best combination of both base-load and renewable energy sources capable of providing reliable power at the lowest price to consumers. (Dennis B. Chan)

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plea and ordered him to appear on Saipan for his sentencing on June 17, 2015, at 1:30pm.

Misconduct in public office is a misdemeanor that carries a maximum penalty of one year in prison and up to \$1,000 fine, while conspiracy to commit theft of services is a felony that carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Fitial was in Makati, Philippines, when he appeared at the change of plea hearing via teleconference. The hearing was held in the U.S. District Court for the NMI in Garapan because it has sophisticated communication equipment.

Fitial's lawyer, Stephen Nutting, and Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George L. Hasselback, appeared in federal court.

Wiseman allowed Fitial to remain seated during the proceedings due to his medical condition. Seen in the video screen seated to Fitial's left was his wife, Josefina.

Wiseman ordered the parties to file a sentencing memorandum on or before June 10, 2015.

The judge said pursuant to a CNMI Supreme Court decision he will request the Office of the Adult Probation to prepare a presentence investigation report unless Fitial waives the report.

Fitial and Nutting told the court that they waive the right to have a presentence investigation report.

The offense of misconduct in public office refers to the time when Fitial had his masseuse—a female Chinese who was at

that time a prisoner at the Department of Corrections in Supe—temporarily released so she could massage him at his house on Jan. 8, 2010.

The court previously dismissed this charge but, under the plea agreement, the parties agreed to vacate the dismissal.

The conspiracy to commit theft of services refers to Fitial's role in former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham's efforts to evade lawful service of process during his departure from the Commonwealth at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport on Aug. 3 or 4, 2012.

Hasselback stated that, according to the factual basis for the plea, on Jan. 8, 2010, Fitial, in his capacity as governor, conspired with DOC and Department of Public Safety personnel to wrongfully remove his masseuse from the custody of the U.S. Federal Marshals in the middle of the night to provide him a massage.

Hasselback said Fitial also conspired with other government officials and agents on Aug. 3 and 4, 2012, to provide services for Buckingham in the form of an armed escort—consisting of public employees driving public vehicles, while being compensated using public funds.

Hasselback said the purpose of the escort was to shield Buckingham from being served with judicial summons. He said the value of those services was at least \$250, but less than \$20,000.

The parties did not agree on an appropriate sentence to be imposed but that each shall be free to make their recommenda-

tions to the court.

In return for Fitial's plea, the government agrees to dismiss the remaining three other charges—two counts of misconduct in public office and a count of theft of services.

In an interview after the hearing, Nutting said Fitial decided to plead guilty because he understands the kind of toll the case is putting on his family, "there's a lot of pressure and it was very hard on his wife and children, especially."

"He also saw from the supporters that have been through with these proceedings throughout. It was not good for them either," Nutting said.

The lawyer said Fitial wanted to do what he could to put an end to this "as painlessly as possible" for all concerned.

When asked about his sentencing recommendation, Nutting said he will recommend for no prison term.

He pointed out that the principal individual who benefitted from the conspiracy crime was Buckingham, who did not get a jail term.

Nutting said the former governor has decided to throw himself at the mercy of the court.

"It's not my decision. It's not Hasselback's decision," he said.

Nutting said that's one of the things the judge pointed out in the end.

"As long as the court has the opportunity to dispense justice the way he feels is appropriate, he was going to accept the plea agreement," he said.

Nutting said they all have faith that Wiseman will hand down justice accordingly.

When asked about Fitial's health condition, Nutting said

he visited Fitial in the Philippines three times over the last four months and he noted that the former governor has been progressing pretty well.

"He's got some problems, but his physical therapy is supposed to end at the end of this month. He seems to be doing better day by day," the lawyer added.

In a joint statement yesterday, Hasselback and Chief Prosecutor Leonardo Rapadas expressed their sincere gratitude to the witnesses, investigators, and all other persons who contributed to the investigation and prosecution of the case.

"This day marks a major milestone in the struggle against public corruption in the CNMI and should serve as a profound reminder to government officials that their offices are held in public trust, and that no member of our community, regardless of their position, is beyond the reach of our laws," Hasselback and Rapadas said.

Attorney General Edward Manibusan said that Fitial had sworn to uphold the laws of the Commonwealth when took his oath as governor, but he ignored them for his own gratification.

"The laws of the CNMI apply to all citizens without exception and we will ask the court to tell him he cannot bypass the laws and that he be sentenced accordingly," Manibusan said.

Fitial resigned as governor on Feb. 20, 2013, days after the House of Representatives impeached him on charges of corruption, felony, and neglect of duty.

In May 2014, the government, through Hasselback as special prosecutor, filed the criminal charges against Fitial.

ROTA

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tained through the 7pm update. Under this condition, 75 to 150 miles per hour winds could be felt in the area within 48 hours.

"We've already upgraded Rota to Typhoon Condition III and that's because of the current track and forecast of the typhoon. Its general forecast is toward Guam and Rota," Special Assistant for Homeland Security and Emergency Management Marvin Seman said.

Typhoon watch is in effect for Saipan and Tinian as of yesterday and may be upgraded to typhoon warning today.

'Cone of uncertainty'

As of press time, forecast track shows the center of the typhoon to go south of the CNMI and nearer Guam tomorrow. However, there is still a chance it will change direction.

The cone of uncertainty shows the typhoon's possibility to move closer to Tinian and Saipan, hence the government's advice for the public to prepare early.

"[Tinian and Saipan are] in typhoon watch because just in case it does make a northerly direction, we're going to be in that area where we're going to get just about typhoon force wind," Seman said.

Preparations

As of HSEM's second bulletin, the center of Dolphin was located 695 miles east southeast of Rota. Its maximum sustained winds intensified to 85 miles per hour and was moving west at 12 miles per hour.

The typhoon is expected to continue to intensify and to shift its track back to the west-northwest direction.

"The main thing that the administration wants to put out to the community is they have to start making preparations just because of that uncertainty. It may change course," Seman said.

"This storm is keeping us on our toes in terms of its forward movement, speed, its intensity and where it wants to go," he added.

Aside from adequate food, water and fuel, Seman advises the public to assess their homes.

"If their homes are susceptible to wind damage and rain, flooding then they should start making plans for shelters. Shelters will be activated once we go in to condition II," he said.

El Niño year

For Seman, the public must learn to practice early preparedness to mitigate disasters, especially now that tropical cyclones tend to be erratic and common because of El Niño.

"This storm is kind of off-season," he said, "We're going to have more frequent storms throughout the rest of the year."

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center started issuing El Niño advisory last March, signifying that El Niño conditions were observed and are expected to continue.

As of their latest advisory in early April, "there is an approximately 70 percent chance that El Niño will continue through Northern Hemisphere summer 2015, and a greater than 60 percent chance it will last through autumn."

Attao bill seeks to make up shortfall in retirees' pension

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REPORTER

Rep. Blas Jonathan "B.J." T. Attao (Ind-Saipan) is concerned about the payment of retirees' pensions from the casino

license fee, saying the actual distribution of the fee as stated in Public Law No. 18-56 is not enough to make up for the 25 percent cut in the pension of all government retirees.

"The Commonwealth needs

approximately \$17 million to pay in full the 25 percent reduction that was included in the Settlement Fund. Additionally, the Commonwealth will not receive the license fee on the fifth year, which means that retirees will again lose the entire 25 percent of their pension," Attao explained.

He said House Bill 19-21 that he earlier introduced "replaces the fifth year with the 40th year of license payment, which will be a plus for the casino [since] GDP calculations and the dollar value in the future will increase and a plus for the retirees as their pensions will be a continuous payment from the license fee."

"I introduced HB 19-21 to provide for the actual intent

of PL 18-56, which was to address the 25 percent reduction of CNMI government retirees," Attao said.

Explaining the license fee distribution, Attao said the distribution of the first \$30 million includes approximately \$25 million to make up for the 25 percent that was deducted from the retirees' pensions to include the back payment for fiscal year 2014, \$2 million to the First Senatorial District, \$2 million to the Second Senatorial District, and \$1 million to the Third Senatorial District.

"As you can see, just the initial investment of \$30 million has been totally drawn down and from here on out, should HB 19-21 not be enacted, just the 25 percent for

retirees cannot be afforded with the \$15 million annual license fee," he said.

He said his concern is that "retirees' pension payment as stated above will not be the complete 25 percent, which is the intent of Public Law No. 18-56."

"The retirees will again suffer the reduction in their pension because the fee distribution will not be enough. Retirees shouldn't have to worry about their pension payment today. We as a people of today should take care of the problems of yesteryears so we can move forward to provide for today's solutions and tomorrow's security," he said.

He also said the CNMI has "a tool in Public Law 18-56 which is being fine-tuned by

House Bill 19-021 to direct the fees for the retirees right now so we can remove that problem from our tables."

HB19-21 is currently with the House Committee on Ways and Means, Attao said.

The law mandates a yearly \$15-million license fee from the exclusive casino license holder, Best Sunshine International, Ltd.

HB 19-21 noted, however, that this annual license fee collection is short of what is actually needed to address the pension reduction, which is estimated to cost \$17 million.

HB 19-21 intends to amend PL 18-56 "to dedicate the entire license fee collections for the payment of retirees' pension reduction."

Typhoon foils Inos' meeting with military

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The meeting between the military's top brass in the Pacific and Gov. Eloy S. Inos has been canceled due to Typhoon Dolphin.

An advisory earlier said Joint Region Marianas Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar and Marine Forces Pacific executive director Craig Whelden were set to accompany the Deputy Commander of U.S. Pacific Command in the meeting, followed by a press briefing.

The agenda of the meeting was not disclosed in the advisory, but it was expected to include discussions on the CNMI government's request for an extension of the review period for a draft environmental impact statement on proposed "live-fire" exercises on Tinian and Pagan.

Decision on draft EIS review

Inos and members of the Legislature earlier asked the U.S. military for a six-month review of the draft EIS instead of the military's prescribed 45 days.

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-

Saipan) said MarForPac's Whelden acknowledged the request letter and has replied.

"Mr. Whelden has informed [me] that [the military] will hold off on making a decision regarding extending the comment period until after they have received input for the public hearings. He noted that a decision may be forthcoming in the first or second week of May," he had said.

Inos has confirmed that the U.S. military will decide on a request to extend the CNMI's review period of the draft EIS only after the public hearings on the EIS are completed.

"The military has responded to me and that they will go through the public hearings. It appears they will not make any decision until after all the scheduled public hearings are complete," Inos had said.

The governor said he continues to meet with the military but only on the ad hoc level to discuss some details on the draft EIS.

The public hearings were held April 29 on Saipan, April 30 on Tinian, and the third and last hearing last May 1, also on Saipan.

Tudela proposes upgrades to CK Kiosku

By **JAYSON CAMACHO**
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Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Antonia M. Tudela is pushing to amend some provisions of a local bill that would appropriate \$1 million from Public Law 18-56 to the Chalan Kanoa Kiosku facility.

House Local Bill 19-3, introduced by Rep. Blas Jonathan "B.J." Attao (Ind-Saipan), seeks to re-appropriate \$1 million from PL 18-56 for the third senatorial district.

Of the \$1 million, \$300,000 is being proposed as patient stipend for Saipan and Northern Island patients under the Medical Referral Program, \$175,000 for the Saipan Mayor's Office, \$25,000 for the Northern Islands Mayor's Office, and \$100,000 for community projects.

A separate section would appropriate \$100,000 for Precinct 2. Tudela is proposing to replace the current language to include infrastructure improvements for the Kiosku: \$25,000 for the

security upgrade, \$15,000 for weatherproof reinforcement, and \$15,000 or \$30,000 for solar lighting panel or system upgrade or replacement.

"These requested infrastructure improvements at the CK Kiosku facility located across the U.S. Post Office is part of our community project that serves the community of CK and the CNMI," Tudela said.

"In addition, the council requests an allocation for solar lighting system upgrade of \$10,000 or replacement of \$30,000 at the Kiosku parking facility. This facility serves patrons at the post office and Kiosku visitors. Funding for these can also be taken from House Local Bill 19-4 and House Local Bill 19-5," she added.

Tudela expressed support, though, for the Saipan and Northern Islands mayors offices to be allocated \$100,000 each.

Saipan residents who avail of mail services at the U.S. Postal Service sometimes find parking difficult and many avail of the parking slots at the Kiosku facility.



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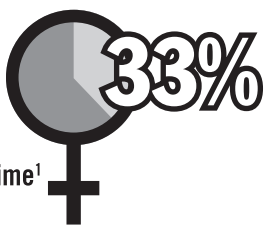
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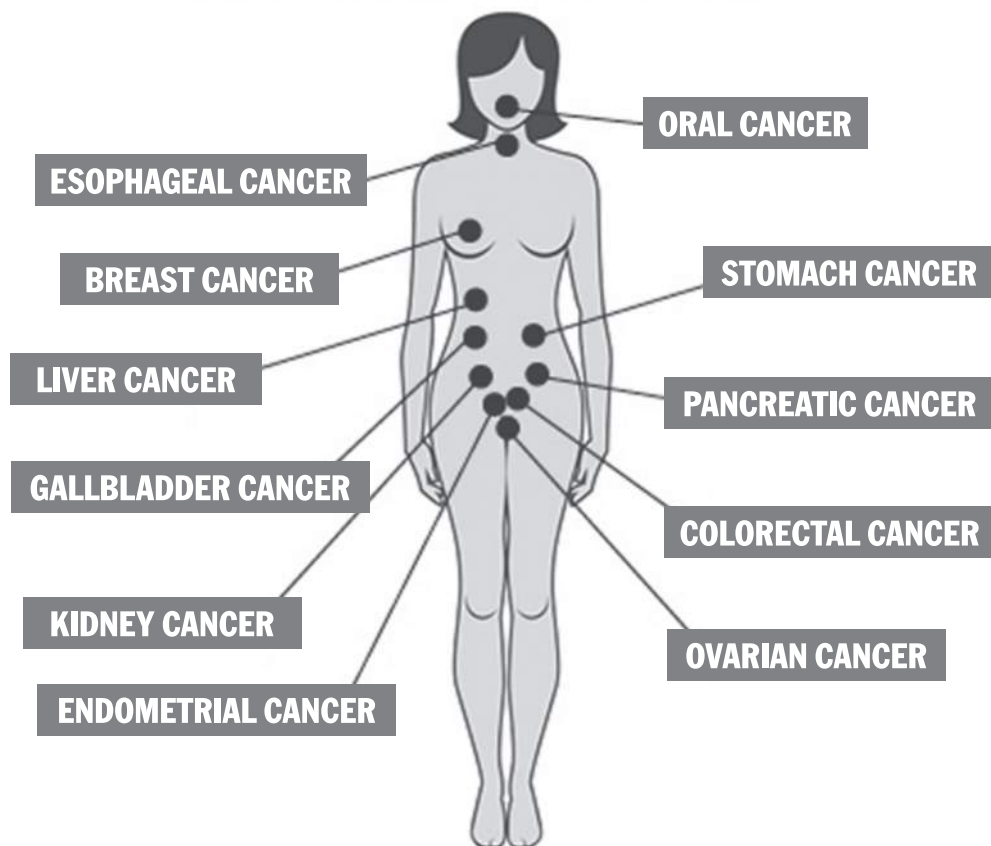
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Residents urged to prepare for storm

Tropical Storm Dolphin is projected to pass through the region south of Guam on Friday, May 15. The Northern Mariana Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross urges CNMI residents to take steps now to prepare for possible high winds and heavy rain.

Storms can cause significant amounts of damage to life and property. You should be ready for disasters by preparing in advance and creating a family disaster plan. Knowing what to do before, during and after a disaster is your best protection during a storm.

Keep enough disaster supplies in your home to meet your family needs for at least three days. Disaster supplies should include: drinking water, food, flashlight, first aid kit, medications, battery-operated radio, tools, clothing, personal items, sanitary supplies, money and contact information.

As with any disaster, preparation can be the difference between life and death. The Red Cross recommends that individuals and families prepare for severe weather by:

■ Staying informed of the latest storm updates: Listen to Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office Weather Briefs at (670) 237-8000 or dial 211. Additional weather updates also available at The National Weather Service website (www.prh.noaa.gov/pr/guam/) or The Joint Typhoon Warning Center website (www.usno.navy.mil/JTWC/)

■ Making a home disaster plan: Pick a safe place in your home for household members to gather during a storm. This should be away from windows and glass doors that could be broken by strong winds. Protect your animals by ensuring that any outside buildings that house

them are protected in the same way as your home.

■ Creating an emergency preparedness kit: Pack a first aid kit and a seven-day supply of essential medications, foods that don't require cooking or refrigeration and manual can opener, bottled water, flashlights and a battery-powered radio with extra batteries, copies of important documents like your insurance policies, cell phone chargers, family and emergency contact information, maps of the area and other emergency items for the whole family.

■ Preparing for high winds: Secure picnic tables and other outdoor furniture, trash cans, hanging plants and anything else that can be picked up by wind.

For more information on what to do before, during and after severe weather, contact the Northern Mariana Islands Chapter office at (670) 234-3459. (ARC)

Administration plans to address concerns on Cabinet appointees

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The Inos administration plans to address concerns regarding some of the "sitting" department heads who have not been subjected to Senate confirmation.

Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres said the administration will look into the concerns brought up by some members of the Legislature.

Torres said, "This may be a different administration" but the "sitting department secretaries" were not appointed to different departments.

He cited a case in the U.S. mainland, where a sitting secretary does not need to go through

another confirmation unless he or she is appointed to a different Cabinet position.

Torres said there was also no advisory or letter because the title or position of the department head did not change.

Nevertheless, Torres said the administration will consult with the Office of the Attorney General to clarify if the current administration needs to issue new appointment letters.

Senate President Victor Hocog (R-Rota) earlier said some department heads have been in their positions without the consent of the Senate, and that there have been no advice from the present administration of the official capacities of these

department heads.

He mentioned the fiduciary duties of these department heads and that there might be concerns on liability, because the department heads have been making decisions.

The lawmaker questioned if these decision are "official" since the sitting Cabinet members were not re-confirmed by the Senate and that the present administration has not submitted any reappointment letters.

The departments mentioned included the Department of Finance, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Public Lands, and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

KHS to issue report cards today

Kagman High School will be issuing its fourth quarter progress reports today, May 14, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm at the KHS cafeteria. Students will be dismissed at 12:30pm. End-of-the-year raffle tickets will be available once the parent or guardian arrives to get their child's report. (PR)

MHS to issue report cards today

Marianas High School will be distributing its 4th quarter mid-progress report cards today, May 14, 2015, at the MHS Dolphin Gymnasium from 4pm to 6pm. This is a great opportunity to talk to the teachers about your child. Should you have any questions or need to make an appointment to see your child's teacher, call the Main Office at 237-3206/5. For news and information about our school, check out our website at www.marianashighschool.com. (MHS)

Survivors, caregivers support meeting today

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the Common-

wealth Cancer Association's monthly support meeting today, May 14, 2015, starting at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

Memorial Day proclamation signing

The Office of the CNMI/Military Veterans Affairs would like to inform the general public, veterans, and families of our fallen heroes that the Memorial Day proclamation signing will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015, at 10am at the Office of the Governor's conference room.

Memorial Day will be held at the CNMI Veterans Cemetery in Marpi on Monday, May 25, 2015, at 9am. For more information, call 670-287-5351 or 670-664-2650 or email vicente.camacho@gov.mp. (PR)

Japan Consulate to offer class on Japanese culture

The Consular Office of Japan in Saipan will organize a class about Japanese culture on May 28, 2015, from 2:30pm

to 4:30pm. Anyone interested must register their name by Monday, May 25, 2015, by contacting cojsf@ag.mofa.go.jp.

The class—which will be held at the Consular Office of Japan's conference room on the second floor of the Bank of Hawaii Building, Mariana Heights Business Park, Puerto Rico, Saipan—will be open to just 15 people on the first-come, first-served basis. Participants will be taught Origami (paper folding), Japan video topics, etc. (PR)

MINA announces the 2015 Green Gala

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance. To help celebrate the organization's birthday and raise funds for its work to preserve and protect the CNMI's environment and biodiversity, MINA will be hosting its annual Green Gala 2015, scheduled for Sept. 4, 2015. Tickets will be available starting June 1, 2015, at the MINA office and from MINA members. Call 233-7333 with any questions, to purchase your tickets, or to learn how you can become an event sponsor. (MINA)

Palacios tells the Rotary of problems, his pending bills

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Problems in the Commonwealth and pending legislation were the focus of Senate floor leader Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan) as he spoke before Rotary Club of Saipan members at their weekly meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan on Tuesday.

As a member of the Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee, Palacios highlighted the high cost of utilities and airline problems, which they continue to address by having talks with concerned agencies and companies.

For Palacios, these are issues that are not just solved by enacting laws.



Palacios

"These are issues that do not get resolved by merely introducing bills and enacting laws," Palacios said.

"It has to be formal discussions with the government, from our community to the airlines and our utilities to help resolve this," he added.

Palacios said he wants to integrate all types of possible resources for utilities, whether it is solar, geothermal, or other renewable source.

"We want to make sure that we are there to support the effort, at the same time keeping them on their feet in making sure that your utility rates continue to be affordable," he said.

Palacios also wants airline companies operating in the CNMI to look for alternatives to address the issue of air transportation on the islands. That was the content of their letter to United Airlines and Cape Air that was sent a month ago. According to him, they are still waiting for a reply or action from the side of the airline.

Bills

He also mentioned a couple of his bills pending in the Senate, two of which concerns hotels and tourism.

One of them is Senate Bill 19-24, which seeks to increase the present land leasing term of 40 years to 99 years—a proposal that will need public vetting.

According to Palacios, the land leases of several major hotels on the island will soon end.

"These are the hotels that pioneered the tourism industry [here] and their leases are coming up. I hate to see the Hyatt landmark name disappear from Saipan. I hate to see Fiesta [Resort], which has been there from the very beginning, also disappear," he said.

Another bill that he is proposing is SB 19-20, which seeks to have a representative of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands in the Marianas Visitors Association.

"I was very surprised that there is no specific requirement of our MVA board where the hotel association has mandatory membership," he said.

Great turnout for inaugural Women's Health Day

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Public Health officials and participants trumpeted the success of the inaugural Women's Health Day held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center last Monday.

According to Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. EHDI data specialist Jose Villagomez Santos, the event started at 8am and concluded at 4pm.

"There were about 55 men

and women who signed in to attend the presentations, exhibits, and free screenings. For every person who viewed the exhibits and got their free health screenings, an incentive was given. Exhibitors and screeners had to sign off on their cards to confirm that person received information and got their screening," Santos said.

Exhibitors included Hardt Eye Clinic, Karidat/Ayuda Network, CHCC Immunization Program, CHCC HIV/STD Re-

source and Treatment Cancer, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, CNMI Women's Association, CHCC oral health program, CHCC H.O.M.E visiting program, CHCC early detection and intervention, CHCC Non-Communicable Disease, and health screenings from CHCC nurse staff.

Presenters included Dr. Jean Olivia Grant, OB/GYN, Lauri Ogumoro of Karidat, Laura Ogo on the importance of Immunization Program, Dr. Glen-

da G. Concepcion on mental health, and Dr. Don Hardt of Hardt Eye Clinic on common eye problems.

This is in line with the celebration of month of May as CNMI Women's Health Month to encourage women to become the primary caretaker of their health. CHCC is joining health organizations across the nation to celebrate the occasion.

Events lined up for the month include a healthy cooking demonstration at the WIC

Clinic on May 16. From May 18 to 21 there will be lunch hour walks at the American Memorial Park from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

On May 22, there will be a "Walk in Our Shoes" three-mile race at the Garapan Fishing Base and will include men.

The final event commemorating Women's Health Month is a Zumba Party on May 28 at the Garapan Central Park from 6pm to 9pm. Health screenings will be available before the Let's Move Zumba class, starting at 4:30pm.



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Firm pleads with CUC to pay it \$904K for finished project

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REPORTER

T.M. Corp. is pleading with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to pay its \$904,619 claim that it says has been on CUC's backlog since 2001.

Speaking on behalf of the corporation's president who is not articulate in English, former senator Pete Reyes said the industrial company has not been successful in their multiple attempts to be compensated for their work.

The work, the "Chinatown Wastewater" project, has since been completed.

Because of the lack of payment, T.M. Corp. could not continue and has since closed down since majority of their assets are tied to this project,

Reyes said.

The company president, a U.S. permanent resident and father of two, had no alternative but to close down, Reyes said.

Right now, heavy equipment on his lease on Rota are "rusting away" because of

its reliance on CUC to inject funds to continue the business, Reyes said.

T.M. Corp.'s Saipan office is closed as well, he added.

Reyes said the company does not wish to take legal action but wishes to sit down with CUC and negotiate this matter.

"I urge the members of this board to take this matter seriously and take the effort to resolve this claim at the earliest," he said.

According to Reyes, there have been previous letters from CUC requesting a settlement for this claim, but that has not taken place.

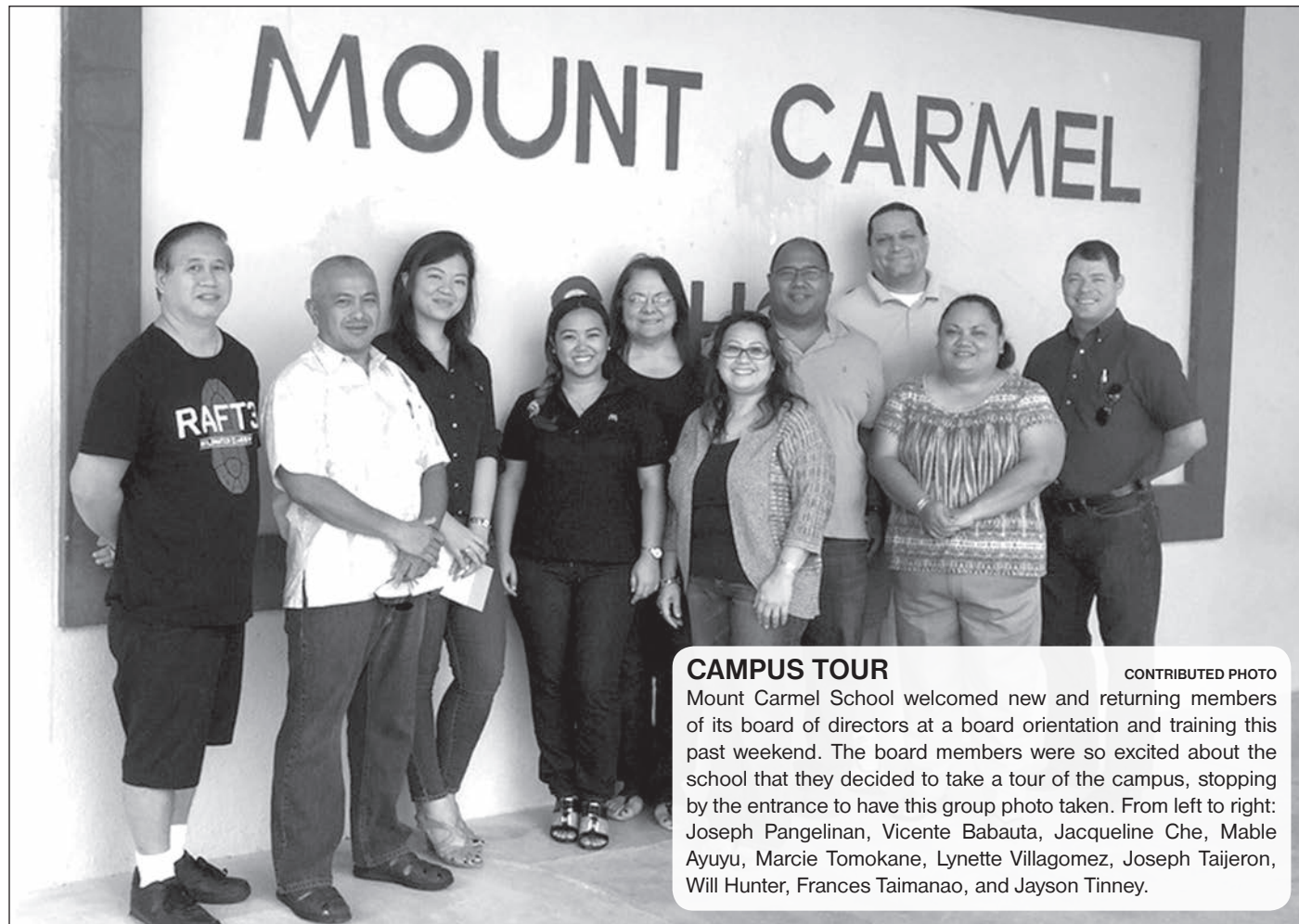
"This is a grave injustice to the contractor," he said.

The CUC board later went into executive session to, among others, discuss this issue.

Before executive session, board chair Adelina Roberto assured Reyes and the corporation's president, who was in the room, that they would look into the matter.

In an interview after executive session, CUC executive director Alan Fletcher said "no decisions" were made.

The board instead tasked management to "get into the files" to verify if this claim is accurate, he said.



CAMPUS TOUR

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Mount Carmel School welcomed new and returning members of its board of directors at a board orientation and training this past weekend. The board members were so excited about the school that they decided to take a tour of the campus, stopping by the entrance to have this group photo taken. From left to right: Joseph Pangelinan, Vicente Babauta, Jacqueline Che, Mable Ayuyu, Marcie Tomokane, Lynette Villagomez, Joseph Taijeron, Will Hunter, Frances Taimanao, and Jayson Tinney.

Tinian DPS sets sobriety checkpoints

The Tinian Department of Public Safety would like to inform the general public that the Traffic Section will be conducting DUI/sobriety checkpoints on the dates and time listed below:

■ Wednesday, May 13, 2015, 11am to 12:15pm, eastbound lane by baseball field.

■ Friday, May 15, 2015, 11am to 12:15pm, southbound lane Broadway by Natibu Park.

■ Monday, May 22, 2015, 11am to 12:15pm, eastbound lane by baseball field; 4pm to 5:15pm, southbound lane by Youth Center

■ Friday, May 25, 2015,

11am to 12:15pm, eastbound lane by baseball field; 4pm to 5:15pm, southbound lane by Youth Center

Each checkpoint will last at least 75 minutes (1 hour and 15 minutes). Checkpoints are subject to be terminated if it begins to rain. This activity is

part of the Department of Public Safety's effort to ensure that all safety belts and car seat restraints are worn at all times. In addition, traffic officers will be conducting highway criminal interdictions and laser (speed detection) enforcement.

For more information, contact Police Officer III Wally F. Villagomez at (670) 433-9222 or 433-2041. (DPS)

Child car seat checkpoints on Saipan

The Department of Public Safety would like to inform the general public that the Traffic Section will be conducting child car seat checkpoints on Saipan on Monday and Wednesday next week.

Certified child passenger safety technicians will be on hand to check car seats for proper installation and advise parents caregivers how to choose the right car seats and install them properly in their vehicles.

On Monday, May 18, 2015, the checkpoint will be from 7am to 8:15am along Chalan Pale Arnold, Puerto Rico by the U.S. Army Reserve Center on the southbound lane.

This will be followed at 9:30am to 10:45am on Beach Road, Garapan, across the Bank of Pacific on the southbound lane.

On Wednesday, May 20, 2015, the checkpoint will be from 4pm to 5:15pm along Chalan Monsignor Guerrero, Chalan Kiya by CUC Waterloo on the westbound lane.

This will be followed at

6:30pm to 7:45pm along Beach Road, Susupe, in front of the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Building on the northbound lane. (DPS)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy first birthday to our baby, Princess Lianne, who is celebrating her special day today, May 14, 2015. Best wishes on your special day and may you have many more birthdays to come. We love you berry much! Love, Grandpa and Grandma Chungi and the family.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Board Conference Room 2nd floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building (Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 4/30/15 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings

Conditional Use Application #2015-1805: Kim & Cho's Company, Ltd. is proposing to operate a car wash business. This use is classified as "Vehicle Repair, General" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This proposal will be situated on lot #1795-2. This lot is located on Chalan Pale Arnold in Chalan Laulau, between McDonald's and Coca Cola Bottling company. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

C. Communications

D. Old Business

E. New Business

1. Office Operations Report (permits/ enforcement)

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogomoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Kim & Cho's Company, Ltd

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Kim & Cho's Company, Ltd. is proposing to operate a car wash business. This use is classified as "Vehicle Repair, General" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This proposal will be situated on lot #1795-2. This lot is located on Chalan Pale Arnold in Chalan Laulau, between McDonald's and Coca Cola Bottling company. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

Date: May 28, 2015, Thursday

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd Fl. Joeten Dandan Comm'l Bldg.

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments shall be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan no later than 4:30pm, May 27th, 2015 or via email to therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, or US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Saipan Zoning Law of 2008).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP NO.: RFP15-DOF/REV-075**

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JUNE 12, 2015

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"TECHNICAL TAX CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, DIVISION OF REVENUE AND TAXATION"

COPIES OF THE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE OBTAINED ON OR AFTER MAY 8, 2015 AT THE DIVISION OF REVENUE AND TAXATION, CENTRAL OFFICE, DANDAN COMMERCIAL CENTER, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 3, 2015 AT 9:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME AT THE DIVISION OF REVENUE AND TAXATION, DANDAN.

THE COMMONWEALTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS; IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A BID IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL BIDS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/s/ LARISSA C. LARSON
SECRETARY OF FINANCE

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

**Procurement And Supply
CNMI Government**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO.: RFP15-DCCA/HPO-092

SUBMISSION: JUNE 12, 2015 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

"TO CONDUCT A HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY AND DOCUMENTATION OF APPROXIMATELY 30 HECTARES AT CAPITOL HILL, CNMI SAIPAN, A PROJECT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE"

The Scope of Work for this project will be available on or after **May 14, 2015** at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive, Saipan during regular working hours.

All inquiries should be directed to **Ms. Laura T. Ogomoro**, Secretary of DCCA at (670) 664-2584/87, or fax to (670) 664-2571 or e-mail to **laura.ogumoro@gov.mp** **no later than the close of business, June 03, 2015**. Responses to questions shall be shared with other proposers.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfections in a bid/proposal in the best interest of the Commonwealth. All bids/proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ LAURA T. OGUMORO
Secretary of DCCA

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, P&S

Humane dog population control launched on Saipan

From May 18 to 29, veterinarians with Animal Balance, in partnership with Humane Society International and the Saipan Mayor's Office, will provide sterilization services to dogs across Saipan. Earlier population surveys conducted by HSI estimated Saipan's dog population at 21,000 and Rota's at 1,204. More than 90 percent of

residents surveyed supported the need for access to affordable veterinary services, including access to sterilization to humanely control the dog population.

Spaying and neutering is a proven humane and effective method of reducing both owned and free-roaming dog populations. Female dogs who are spayed no longer attract the at-

tention of male dogs looking to mate, so roaming and nuisance behavior is greatly reduced in neutered male dogs. Dogs who are sterilized live longer, healthier lives but still remain protective of their owner's property. Sterilization services provided by HSI on Rota in 2013 resulted in 40 percent of the islands' dogs being sterilized. The goal is for at least 70 percent of Saipan and Rota's dog populations to be sterilized to see significant overall population declines.

Inga Gibson, Pacific Islands policy coordinator with HSI,

said: "Spaying and neutering is an important way to keep Rota and Saipan islands' dog population humanely under control, but these services are unfortunately not accessible to everyone. We hope our dog sterilization clinics go a long way to meet the needs of these islands' dog and human residents."

Humane Society International is also launching an enhanced accessible and affordable spay-neuter program in Guam in cooperation with local veterinarians. Guam's dog population is

CLINIC DETAILS

■ On Saipan, clinics will be held at the Saipan Animal Shelter in Lower Base Road from May 19 to 23 and in Kagman from May 25 to 29. A number of dogs will also be available for adoption. Call the Saipan Mayor's Office for more information at 670-234-6208 or saipan-mayoroffice@gmail.com

■ Residents are asked to make a \$25 donation for the sterilization of their dog to offset surgical supply costs. No one will be turned away for the inability to pay.

■ For more information on HSI Street Dog welfare programs visit hsi.org/streetdogs

US Pacific territories get \$2.4M for 'green' energy

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina announced this week \$2,374,000 in grant assistance under the Empowering Insular Communities Program for various clean energy and energy-efficiency projects in American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The goal of the EIC Program is to help the insular areas implement high-priority projects identified in their respective strategic energy plans.

"I am pleased to support renewable energy projects that reduce dependence on imported fossil fuels and help relieve the high cost burden of electricity in the region," said Kia'aina. "Not only do these projects help build renewable energy infrastructure but they help these communities build climate change resiliency and self-sufficiency."

■ **Farmer's Cooperative Association in the Northern Mariana Islands:** \$366,407 to install a rooftop photovoltaic power system at the Garapan Public Market as well as to implement energy efficiency measures to significantly reduce the power consumption of the market. The photovoltaic power system is expected to supply about 50 percent of the market's power needs. The government-owned and sponsored Garapan Public Market serves as a central location for farmers and ranchers to market locally grown fresh produce to island residents and tourists.

■ **American Samoa Geothermal Drilling Program:** \$1,130,000 to support a slim hole drilling program to test for geothermal potential on the island of Tutuila in American Samoa. The American Samoa Power Authority, in partnership with the Office of Insular Affairs and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, completed the geothermal resource assessment phase that provided promising results and recommended moving forward with an exploratory drilling program. The utility recently finished a comprehensive exploration drilling plan and hopes to complete the drilling by December 2015. Once developed, geothermal power can be produced as a baseload renewable energy resource, meaning it operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week regardless of changing weather. As a continuous source of clean energy, geothermal power is well suited as a potential alternative to diesel fuel on Tutuila.

■ **Manu'a 100 percent Renewable Energy Initiative:** \$378,262 to support the installation of a hybrid renewable energy system on the island of Ofu in the Manu'a Islands in American Samoa. The hybrid system will include a 341kilowatt (kW) photovoltaic system along with a battery backup system integrated with the existing diesel generators. The project is an important first step in achieving the goal of making the Manu'a Islands powered 100 percent by clean energy. Once the hybrid system is installed, Ofu will receive up to 85 percent of its energy from solar power.

■ **Guam Memorial Hospital Solar Project:** \$500,000 to install a 100kW rooftop photovoltaic power system at the hospital. As a facility that operates 24 hours a day 7 days a week, the hospital is one of the largest energy consumers in the territory. This project supports the Guam Strategic Energy and Action plans by reducing reliance on fossil fuels, improving renewable energy generation infrastructure, and progressing toward the 5 percent net power from renewable sources goal by December 2015, as required by Guam Public Law 29-62. The hospital estimates the project will result in energy cost savings of \$88,559 annually. (OIA)

Interior grants \$650K to combat threats to coral reefs

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina approved nearly \$650,000 in initial grant assistance provided under the Coral Reef Initiative program in the Office of Insular Affairs to fund several efforts to reduce threats and improve management of coral reefs in the U.S. insular areas. The goal of the CRI program is to improve the health of coral reefs and marine resources in the Nation's island territories and freely associated states for their long-term economic and social benefit.

"Coral reef resources are under threat from a variety of stresses, including sedimentation, poor water quality, over-harvesting, coastal development and climate change," said Kia'aina. "It is important to build capacity by training high school and college students interested in coral reef protection and management and increasing education and awareness for the general public. These grants will help achieve these objectives while addressing local threats and improving the overall health of coral reefs that that

are critical to the livelihoods of island communities."

■ **National Coral Reef Institute:** \$200,000 to support a Coral Assistantship program in American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands. The program was identified as a priority by the insular areas in the 2014 U.S. Coral Reef Task Force 2014 report for funding in 2015 and 2016. It will be administered by the Nova Southeastern University's National Coral Reef Institute. The program will help fill current capacity gaps as well as build longer-term capacity by placing qualified young professionals where their education and work experience will meet each jurisdiction's specific needs.

■ **Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance:** \$133,776 to support the Tasi-Watch Program, which trains unemployed recent high school graduates to become community conservation rangers. A second project will support CNMI's Summer Eco-Camps for teachers and students in CNMI's high schools. This year's curriculum will focus on conserving Saipan's watersheds. A third project will support the Managaha Pride Campaign, which uses social marketing and community outreach to educate citizens about the importance of Saipan's Marine Protected Area network.

■ **Micronesia Conservation Trust:** \$175,000 to implement the goals of the 2013 -2016

ties. Donations are also needed to support these clinics and ongoing efforts. (Humane Society International)

Strategic Action Plan of the Pacific Islands Managed and Protected Areas Community. Activities include implementing priority actions for addressing vulnerability and adaption to climate change; conducting on-the-ground, community-based conservation projects; and training youth in marine resource management.

■ **American Samoa's Coral Reef Advisory Group:** \$135,169 to assess water quality and identify likely sources of nutrient loads in American Samoa's watersheds; install rain gardens to reduce land-based sources of pollution in targeted watersheds including Faga'alu, Vatia and Nu'uuli; and continue efforts to eradicate the crown of thorns starfish invasion and monitor the bleaching event of 2015. (OIA)



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- Debit, credit, and total accounts on computer spreadsheets and databases, using specialized accounting software.
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Anti-bias training for police is just a start

Here's some bad news: You're a little bit racist. Probably sexist, ageist and classist too. It's not your fault, though; we all are.

"Implicit bias" is what academics call the subconscious beliefs, both positive and negative, that drive all of us when we encounter people of different races, economic status, gender and so on. It's a term that has recently become de rigueur among law enforcement officials as the nation's attention has turned, appropriately, to the intersection of race and policing in the wake of a handful of high-profile killings of unarmed African-American men.

Now the good news: Our unconscious biases don't have to own us; experts say they are malleable and that there are effective ways to reduce their influence. That's the theory behind the implicit-bias training that some policymakers have embraced in response to the public outcry and is at the core of former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder's National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice, announced last year.

It may sound a tad woo-woo, but the idea of implicit bias is not, in fact, a new concept. There's substantial social science evidence that it exists—and that it can be overcome. Although it has become better known since 18-year-old Michael Brown was killed by a police officer in Ferguson, Mo., last year, researchers and psychologists have been plumbing our ingrained prejudices for more than three decades to see how they affect our interactions. What they have found is perhaps not entirely surprising: teachers more likely to favor boys than girls; attorneys providing different levels of defense to clients based on their unconscious feelings; and police officers quicker to fire their guns at black suspects than at white ones.

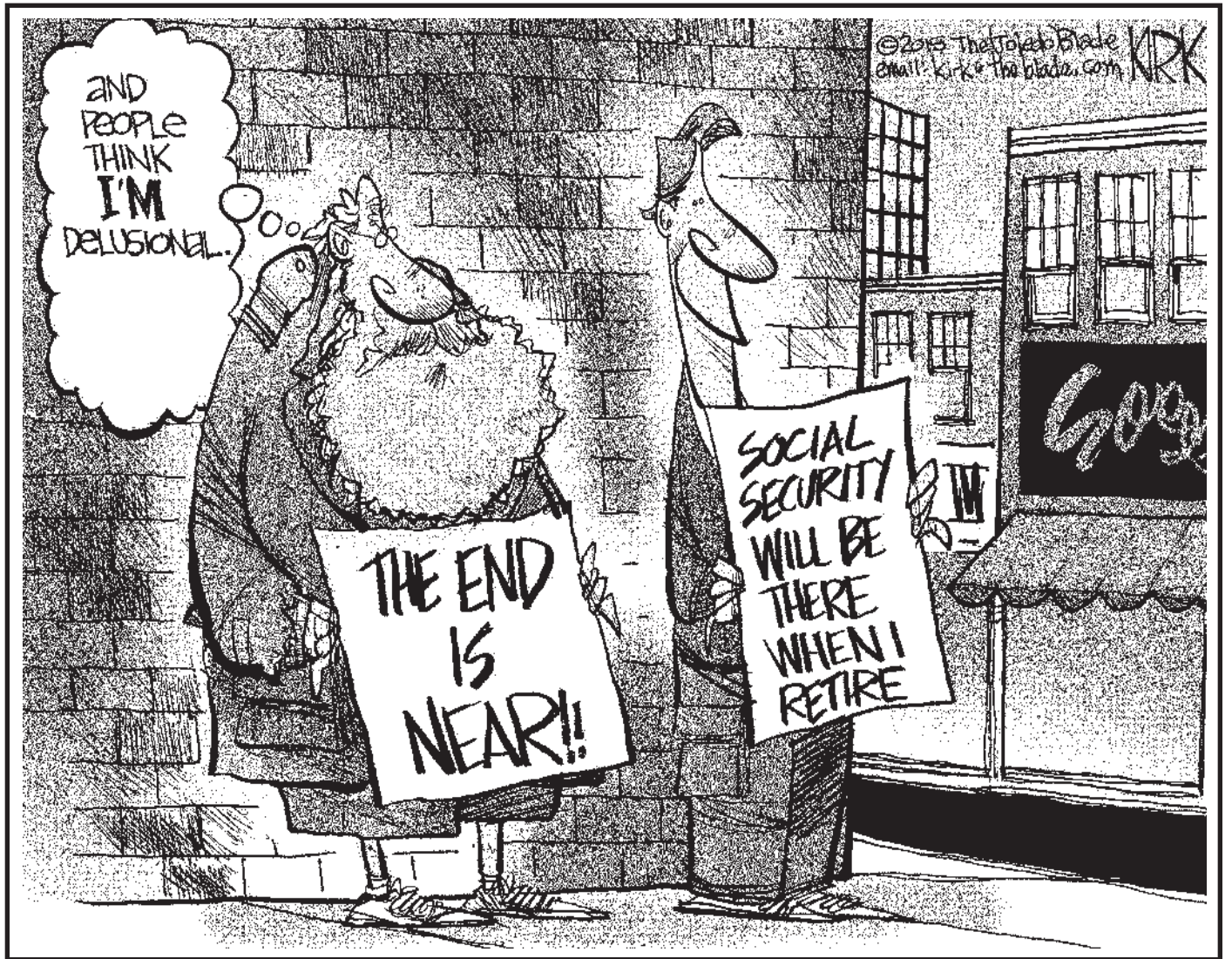
Those findings have helped shape policies and training courses used in schools, universities, courtrooms and hospitals. The Chicago and Los Angeles police departments, among others, have incorporated the concepts of anti-bias education in their training, though not in any uniform way.

They have also led to the development of the widely used Implicit Assessment Test, which has become the standard in anti-bias training. It's a very simple concept: The version that tests black/white biases flips through pictures of human faces of both races and asks the subject to assign either a negative or positive word, such as "love" or "terrible," to the picture. But the test moves so quickly that the subject's subconscious takes over. See for yourself; self-administered versions of the test are easy to find online.

California is about to put the implicit-bias concept to use. The Central Valley city of Stockton is one of the six sites that will try out Holder's program. And last month, state Attorney General Kamala D. Harris announced that her office is developing the nation's first certified implicit-bias training, with the support of law enforcement officials and Stanford's Jennifer Eberhardt, one of the nation's top experts on biases in policing.

It makes sense to have standardized training, rather than a piecemeal approach that may not be based on best practices. Badly done training can actually exacerbate biases, experts say. Sitting a bunch of officers in a room, for example, to tell them they are racist and to cut it out or else, may have the effect of deepening resentments. Department of Justice officials say they are planning a more enlightened approach: an eight-hour course that includes taking the bias test and talking about the findings.

See ANTI-BIAS on Next Page



Navigating the human experience

I stood in line at the CK Post Office with a colleague who recalled that he resided on island for almost 30 years, more than half of his lifetime. Though he is of Philippine descent—not classified a native indigene by blood—nonetheless he refers to himself as “of Mariana Islands’ descent.”

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council—composed of a board and staff—reflects the colleagues’ view of “Mariana Islands’ descent” and though the Carolinian and Chamorro indigene perspectives take center stage, their disappearing cultural heritage protected, other ethnic groups on island are encouraged to partake of the “navigating the human experience” motif, important in the Council’s programs.

I hang out with a Carolinian elder and visitors who sail periodically from Satawal. The image of the *navigator* is fresh in their memories, relived through handed down oral memory of sails to Japan but particularly the move to Saipan from the Carolines in the 1800s after some devastating natural events, experienced on the occasional trip from Saipan to Satawal and return.

The Chamorro and Carolinian divide has not always been a smooth one. Accounts of the Chamorro looking down on the Carolinian abound, and the Carolinian shrugs off the snub in turn. The settlement pattern of Saipan and Guam was the Chamorro on the hills and arable land with the grain, the hogs and the chicken, while Carolinians attended to the shellfish in the shore and the canoe fishing in the deep.

The Chamorro integrated faster into mainstream España, Alemania, Niponggo, and Mericano, with kin conscripted into the armed forces. The Carolinian male took the ocean as his playground, navigating it as his vocation while the female fructified the soil, kept the fire on the hearth and the arm warm in the home. The clannish unity of the Carolines was heavy on the motherly flavor!

I grew up in coastal provinces of Philippines’ northern Luzon. I trained natural resource managers and community development workers on the uplands and the nearshores in the Visayas (Samar and Leyte, Cebu-Bohol-Siquijor, Negros and Panay), and the Northern coast of Mindanao from Butuan to Dapitan.

I lived in the Marshall Islands and Guam in the ’80s, hopped through Micronesia from Kosrae to Palau, over Pohnpei, Chuuk and Yap while residing in the CNMI, so the “navigating” sense came strong with the territory.

I learned to stretch the body in China, saw swiftness of bones and muscles in *kung fu*, and equilibrated the internal *qi* in *tai-chi*. Navigating geography is quite a wild journey; the excursion into the human experience, wilder. Carolinians traversed geography; it is time to be more specific with the internal journey other than just old metaphors of spirit.

By **JAIME VERGARA**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The Humanities Council printed the account of Lino M. Olopai, *The Rope of Tradition*, written with ex-PCV and cultural anthropologist Juliana Flinn. We do not promote either the NMHC, or Olopai's book, but each strongly affirms the human activity of navigating one's own journey, recalling experiences and verbalizing them in words and expressing them in olfactory, culinary, visual, audio and tactile symbols that are shared with others. To be human is to map the wholeness of the existential journey.

We offer the relating of ours so others may reflect and articulate theirs, too. I follow the current parameters of the human consciousness as those of (a) *time*, (b) *space*, (c) *role*, and (d) *story*.

My *time* is 86 years long, arbitrarily based on my family genetics and habits. Phased into five sections of 17 years each, plus one year to top the 85th year of the terminal phase to remind me of the *mas o menos* quality of the choice, we state a number to manage its direction, knowing the journey to be infinitely full of surprises but with a terminal point chosen on 12.15.31, again an arbitrary but concrete chosen date, so I can freely proceed with its expenditure unencumbered by the dread of death.

The “earthrise” image from Apollo 8 assaulted my *space*. Spatial status and integrity moved beyond the limit of family and clan, identity with a nationality, loyalty to an ethnic group, and honor in social standing of a profession. My home is planet Earth; I am an earthling from Pole to Pole, a “nobody” in society, stranger to no culture or clime!

Roles I play are given and chosen. My gender is a quality of birth, my genes and memes, a given. But most of my social roles—writer and newscaster, teacher and preacher, citizen and friend, lover and never mind, *et al*, are products of choice, for which I attribute to no one blame, and/or any claim to fame.

But t's the *story* that is most critical, left as a choice at many points between WOW (world of wonder) at one end of the spectrum to WHOA (with hate overly anxious) at the other. Mine is fully that at the extreme end of WOW!

I've written a page for every year of memory, and hope to stop six years hence at 75. Now, the question is not my details; it is of yours. How do you narrate your journey?

Hinalom Loko Marine!

Entre namatman yan na`mamahlau mañan administrasion yan lehislatura `nai man-huyufing masoyu` i publiku para u fanman-aplika cho`chu` gi kompanian Best Sunshine. Na ti gai tautau i kompania pot este na asuntu? Kau guaha membron Congresson iya America `nai man-huyufing kumu representanten yan empleau kompania siha?

Mampos este na che`chu` atotgante keha gi relasion man-malihe yan i nuebu na amon niha—Best Sunshne—ahe` ti publiku ni umelihe siha. Puede ti man-malefa hit nu este na che`chu` miron gi mamamaila` na eleksion.

Para un` yute offisiatmiente obligasion-mu pot Best Sunshine? Haye gi halom este na kompania pumega hamyu halom kumu representanten niha? Na ti i publiku numa`e` hamyu ni siyan miyu pa`gu? Kau lapotpot na pasalubufing man-mana`e` hamyu na esta nina` fanbachet hamyu haf` che`chu` tunas gi hilu` fitme na sensian integredat? Lastima!

Esta pa`gu i publiku hananañga inefresen libianu na kinalamten sa` o`sun esta matmos gi halom aplacha` na fache` diskuidu!

Dispues, man-hanau masaluda materiat gi puetton iya Tanapag. Dios mihu!

Dañoso Na Bisiu

Ma-ina haf` na lamegai na tautau-ta man-maliñgu ni primet na gima` familia. Piniloghu na pot basnag ekonomian siglu. Otru sumen na triste masoda` gi ayu na estudiu.

Iya hululu` masoda` na megai man-hugagandu poker, diariu. Kada pesu gi monedan familia siñkuenta sientimus mapega halom gi makinan poker.

`Nai masusede este, ensegidas un` utut kinanu` familia kontodu apas primet fanliheñg. Uttimoña ni mona ni tatte. Mattu i bañku ya ha chule` i gima`. Man-hanau man-sensaga gi gima parentela. Estotbu para i primet familia yan kontodu i nuebu na finatto pot diskuidu.

Yangin sisienta miyon sueddodn todou empleau guine, kumeke ilegña na guaha trenta miyon ta dispeddidisia gi industrian poker.

Mauleg este na disision?

Piot ya hinehegsi este ni usun amot binenu—shabu shabu—magpu` i nobenan talo`ane. Mattu gi ha estotbayu` este na dañosun bisiu. Afañielos, tradision natibu mahatsan guma` familia antes de u asagua piot i patgon lahe. Mañanau hit umayudaye pot para u felis deste primet dian umakamo`ña. Pot fabot fañehan ñaihon ya in` ta`lun` rumibosa i sumen dañosu na risaki gi ha`ani-ta.

Sin fitme na temunerun familia pues mampos siempre machalapon kontodu ha`anen famaguon-ta. Fan gai ase` ni manatatte sa` taya otu kandet niha gi halom chubaskon lina`la` solu i fitme na kanai miyu!

Haf` Lastromu?

I lastron deñgdeñg gi halom hatdin libianu tali`e` malag manu. Lamlam piniloña na lastru gi santatte `nai ha batsalague` gi hilu` hagin yan ramas tinanom siha.

Giya hita mismu, haf` mohon na lastru `sino rekuetdo pinilo-ta para benefisiun i manatatte?

Yangin padre `sino madre de familia hau, haf` finanaguemu ma`ug ni satton sumaga gi famaguon? Un` asuntu ni mauleg ta hahassu `nai sige hit esta man-amku`.

Yangin felis todou tinanom-mu gi hatdin familia pues u fan lachog mauleg sin molestia. Yangin guaha ti doku` ya ti un` disembra pues gumuaha fina` ma`tut gi entalu` tinanom-mu.

Maseha appenas ta hassu, i asuntu sumen presisu gi haf` fitme pinega-ta gi santatte kumu lastru ni siña matatiye ni famaguon-ta.

Kuestion Moralidat

`Nai man-mata i palao`an gi katren hospitat, hali`e` na dumikiki` esta tiyaña. Era mapotget pot sais mesis na tiempu ya mana` suha pot no unina` tailaye.

Sige i prohima tumañges sa` esta ha aksepta para u katga pagoña. Listugue` umasiste, maseha seriosamente inutet i patgon, pot ayu nina`en i Saina. Pot mas ke dies años mafattu diariu hinassoña gi

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.



ayu na patgon i matai añghet.

Umasoda` un` dia yan un` suruhanu ya sige hafaisen pot patgoña. Sinañgane dispues haf` finu` i patgon. Era para u sahguan todou pinitiña gi un` batde ya u chuda` huyufing gi tasi. `Nai ha komple hali`e` gi guinifiña i patgon sige linasa ha`iña parehu i dos magof.

Asuntun moralidat gi disposision na guiya solu siña prumebeniye ma`aggem na ineppe.

Otru asuntu

Guaifon ñaihon na oga`an mientras sige hu rikonose haf` para bai` nalagu para amotsa. I freskon mañglu` hana` oppan mañge` loglug kafe gi kusinan sanhiyufing.

Gi chagu` na mapagahes gaige i pajar u sige huyufing gi tasi. I mapagahes sige lokue` ha dulalag lagu i trosun uchan. Hmmm! Buente finatton primet agua dispues de apmam na tiempon maipe.

Hu hala i pañglau (dungenese) ya sige huna` gasgas yan deskuat-tisa. Hu pega halom mantikaña gi satten para u paupau kadog-hu. Paire na amotsan oga`an.

Mientras mamasa kadog-hu sige hu atan haf` guaha na gaseta siha gi `nos kuantos papet elmundu yan Marianas gi internet.

Malefayu` ni tinala`hu guile gi hilu` tañken hanom estake podufing trosun uchan. Dispues `nai masmai `nai huhahassu. Atrasau! Chumaleg-yu` sa` kasse ha tutuhongue` chetnot amku`. Ai puede suette ya ti nina`ye-yu` chetnot hamalefa. Dios mihu!

Why young people want nothing to do with politics

Young people are disaffected with the political process and lack any interest in running for office, a new book by Jennifer Lawless of American University and Richard Fox of Loyola Marymount University demonstrates. Yet the book itself perhaps unintentionally underscores one of the key reasons why: We know too much about our politicians.

There are 519,682 elected officials in the U.S., the authors note, the vast majority of whom hold local jobs; they are mayors, city councilors, school board members, coroners or recorders of deeds. It is essential to the effective functioning of government—without which the nation cannot succeed—that competent people are willing to run for these offices.

Yet, in a novel survey that Lawless and Fox conducted of more than 2,000 high school students and more than 2,000 college students, young people expressed a broad aversion to serving in public office. Almost 90 percent said they wouldn't even consider it. The students said they tend to avoid discussing political issues altogether.

It would be useful to know what similar students would have said in the 1960s or '70s. We lack those data, so the authors can only assert, not show, that this vast disaffection is a new phenomenon. Yet I'm willing to give them the benefit of the doubt on that, in part because we know that overall trust in government has deteriorated dramatically over the past several decades.

The authors conclude that our "political system will thrive only if a large number of people aspire one day to run for office. For that reason, our results ultimately paint a grim picture about the prospects for an engaged citizenry and a healthy democracy. Our bright-

est and most able young citizens are generally not open to seeking or holding positions of political power."

One driver of young people's broad lack of interest in politics is polarization. As the nation has divided into mutually antagonistic camps and political discussions have become dominated by more heat than light, young people have been turned off. (And by the way, I agree entirely with Annie Lowrey of New York magazine that, despite the news media portrayal to the contrary, a recent Facebook study does nothing to dispel the notion that social media have exacerbated polarization, by creating "filter bubbles" among like-minded people.)

The second problem goes undiscussed by Lawless and Fox, and yet it is illuminated in their book by the juxtaposition of their positive commentary about how John F. Kennedy inspired a generation of public servants and the chapter that they begin by recounting the scandalous trials and tribulations of politicians like John Edwards, Mark Sanford and David Vitter. Given what we know now about his personal life, do we really believe that Ken-

Is the Islamic State hiding in Mexico?

By MARK FAZLOLLAH
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

ANAPRA, Mexico—Pedro Luis Hidalgo, who runs an animal-feed store about a mile south of the border, scoffs at warnings from U.S. right-wingers that Islamic terrorists are near his home.

Washington's conservative Judicial Watch for months has charged that the areas around Ciudad Juarez have become hotbeds of Middle Eastern militants bent on invading America. Last month, the group said it had proof that there was a training camp in Anapra, a community on the western end of Juarez.

"Here we have drug traffickers and delinquents. Thank God, we don't have terrorists," said Hidalgo, 39, to nods of approval of two neighbors visiting his feed store.

FBI and Homeland Security officials said they found no evidence that the Judicial Watch report was accurate.

Of course, it's difficult to prove that no one is hiding in an unknown cave in the barren landscape around Anapra, which three decades ago was little more than a sprawling squatters' camp, but has grown to an impoverished, crime-ridden community of about 40,000 people.

Despite the denials by U.S. officials and residents of Anapra, several vocal congressional Republicans have insisted that Middle Eastern terrorists are on the Mexican border and intent on attacking America. And that type of allegation increasingly has become a part of the immigration debate in Congress, talk radio, and the huge world of bloggers.

"We know that ISIS is present in Ciudad Juarez, or they were

nedy would have survived today's media scrutiny, let alone been elected president? I doubt it.

Young people aspire to be business executives much more than politicians, Lawless and Fox show, partly because politicians are seen as ineffective. But I suspect it's also in part because, as the saying goes, no person is a hero to his valet. We've all become the informational equivalent of valets to our political leaders, and they no longer seem like heroes.

By PETER ORSZAG

Bloomberg News

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ANTI-BIAS

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It will include scenarios and role-playing to help officers build new associations.

The training will be followed up with measurement tools that gauge whether it has been effective. It will be paired with training on "procedural justice," another hot term that gets at a pretty basic idea: that communicating with people about why you stopped them helps to ease suspicions of racial profiling. The course will become part of the state's police officer training by this fall. It won't be required but should be strongly encouraged.

It's good that California is adopting anti-bias training in a comprehensive way. But it will certainly take more than a few hours-long training courses to erase unconscious biases built on hundreds of years of personal and institutional racism that has created deep divisions in American society.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Mostly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 20 to 36 mph.

▲85° ▼75°

FRIDAY

Damaging winds possible. Northeast winds 40 mph or more, becoming east with typhoon force winds possible in the afternoon. Numerous locally heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms.

▲85° ▼75°

SATURDAY

Mostly cloudy and windy with numerous locally heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms.

▲84° ▼75°

SUNDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

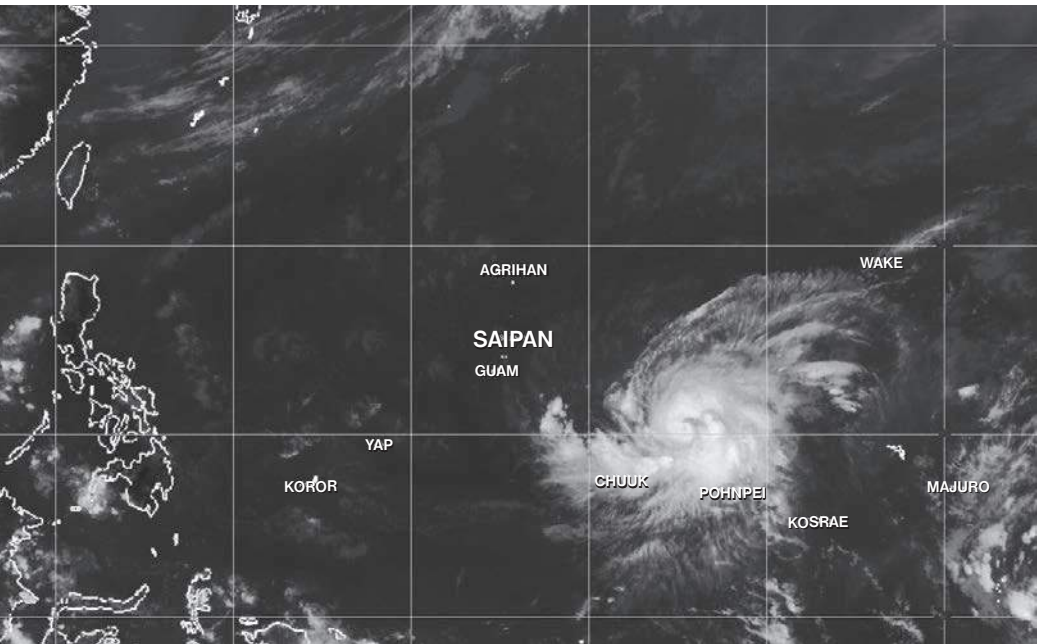
▲86° ▼75°

MONDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲88° ▼75°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Newly upgraded Typhoon Dolphin (07W) is centered about 350 miles northeast of Chuuk and 800 miles east-southeast of Guam at 10N156E and moving west-northwest at 9 mph with maximum sustained winds of 75 mph. Heavy showers and a few thunderstorms are near the center of Dolphin and north of Pohnpei between 7N and 14N from 153E to 161E farther from the center of Dolphin near Chuuk there are scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 7N and 11N from 148E to 153E and far north of Kosrae between 10N and 14N from 161E to 165E. For more information on Typhoon Dolphin, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW and the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM. A monsoon trough runs southeastward from Typhoon Dolphin at 10N156E through a tropical disturbance centered east of Tarawa at 2N176E to end near the equator at the date line. Patchy areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms mainly over the southeast Marshall Islands are between 8N and the equator from 171E to 180. A shear line north of Wake Island stretches southwestward from 25N173E to end at about 21N154. Cloudiness and patchy showers are found along and up to 100 miles north of the shear line.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲86	▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼79
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼81
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼81

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Rain	▲68	▼57
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼58
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼80
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲81	▼68
London	Rain	▲52	▼47
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼55
Manila	Sunny	▲95	▼77
Melbourne	Showers	▲58	▼52
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼76
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲69	▼51
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲79	▼70
Paris	Showers	▲64	▼46
Pusan	Showers	▲72	▼60
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼66
Salem	Showers	▲65	▼45
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲60	▼51
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼55
Tokyo	Sunny	▲84	▼65
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲72	▼53

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Saipan Harbor			
5:10 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
11:49 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
5:36 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
11:37 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:50 AM	6:38 PM
Friday	5:49 AM	6:38 PM
Saturday	5:49 AM	6:39 PM
Sunday	5:49 AM	6:39 PM
Monday	5:49 AM	6:39 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	2:25 AM	2:49 PM
Friday	3:13 AM	3:47 PM
Saturday	4:01 AM	4:46 PM
Sunday	4:51 AM	5:46 PM
Monday	5:43 AM	6:45 PM

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UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:15pm	2:50pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ623	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
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7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	3, 4	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ624	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	5:25pm	9:10pm	3, 5, 6				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:00am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:30am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:55pm	3:10am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ704/623	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, ,3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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DL287/275	6:05am	9:30pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:25pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
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UA5039/183	2:15pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	4 via GUM-Rota
UA5078/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	1 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	1 via GUM
OZ624/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN	UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
				UA184/5038	11:30pm	2:35pm+1	2 via GUM-Rota
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	2:35pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5041	11:30pm	6:25pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2 via GUM
				UA184/5043	11:30pm	10:10pm+1	5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/623	12:40am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
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UA5039/179	2:15pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM	UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:05pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM	UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:40pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
OZ624/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5041	9:55pm	6:25pm+1	1, 5 via GUM
				UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
				UA180/5043	9:55pm	10:10pm+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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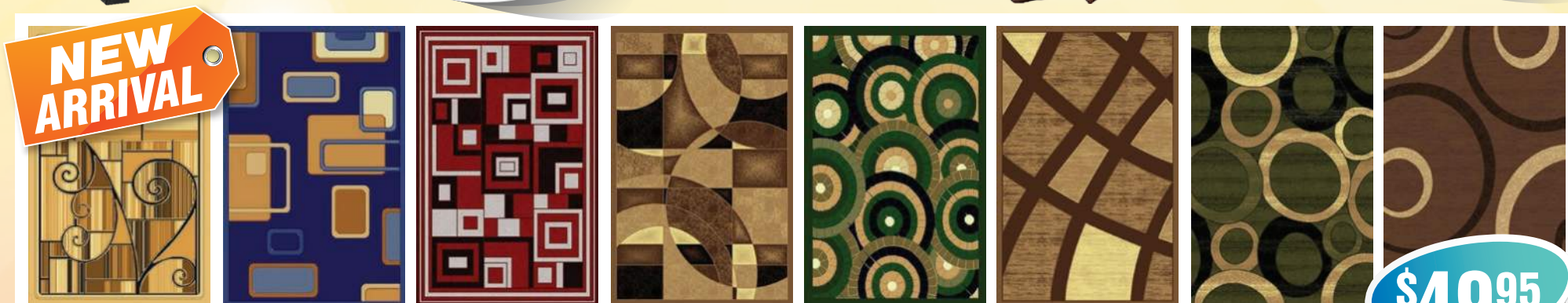
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SSHS mock trial team goes to the nationals

The 2015 National High School Mock Trial Championship is underway in Raleigh, North Carolina, with the team from Saipan Southern High School representing the CNMI.

This is the 16th year that the CNMI will participate at the national level in mock trial.

SSHS prevailed in the 17th CNMI Mock Trial Championship in February this year.

Prior to leaving Saipan, the team performed in front of Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio, Associate Judge Joseph Camacho, and Associate Justice John A. Manglona.

The team also scrimmaged against volunteer lawyers and law clerks, with Michael Witry representing the defense and Charles Brasington, Clifford Kato, and Joseph Hallahan portraying the defense witnesses. The SSHS team is currently in North Carolina with their attorney coaches, Michael Sato and Claire Kelleher-Smith, and their teacher coach, Frank Borja, preparing for the competition and scrimmaging against championship teams from Mississippi, Florida, Guam, and Hawaii.



Prior to the actual competition, the team will also participate in other organized pre-

competition activities this week, such as an exchange of state pins or collectibles with the students

from the other jurisdictions.

The actual competition will consist of four rounds of

competition on May 15 and 16 where teams from U.S. and international jurisdictions will vie for the top two positions in the tournament. The top two teams will compete in the championship round on Saturday evening. During the rounds the teams will represent the plaintiff and the defendant

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of the Saipan Southern High School Mock Trial team have their picture taken with Associate Justice John A. Manglona after a practice before the justice prior to departing the CNMI. From left, Jin Pyo Jeon, Aaron Tiger Lee, Mikhail Alcantara, Jun Seo Park, Associate Justice John A. Manglona, Eliezha May Mendoza, Annika Mattias, Sung Min Kim, Emily DeWitt, and Ezekiel Rafanan.

in a complex mock civil trial steeped in North Carolina history.

The Public School System, the CNMI Bar Association, and various generous financial supporters have sponsored the team's travel to the competition. The CNMI Bar Association, the CNMI Judiciary, and various members of the Judiciary and bar have generously supported the team by dedicating time to the team during its preparation. The team is honored to represent the CNMI and is grateful for all of the support it has received. As the students and coaches are committed to preparing, time will be devoted to expressing gratitude to the individual sponsors and contributors once the competition has concluded and a full list of sponsors has been compiled. *(NMI Judiciary)*

United Airlines unveils preview of new United.com

CHICAGO—United Airlines today unveiled the beta version of the company's new homepage and flight booking features for united.com—encompassing everything from searching and sorting flight options to reserving and buying tickets. The site offers a sleek, modern and touch-friendly design, along with all-new personalized features and tools to help customers select the best flights and travel options to meet their needs.

Customers can browse and book on the preview site by visiting beta.united.com. The airline will officially launch the new united.com this summer after additional customer feedback and further refinements.

The new flyer-friendly func-

tionality includes:

1. Search, sort and filter your perfect flight: Customers can choose what's most important to them when booking a flight. Whether it's Wi-Fi availability, preferred connection cities, aircraft type, in-seat power or the inclusion of nearby cities, customers can sort, filter, include and exclude a variety of preferences to narrow or expand search results.

2. Quicker view of fare and date combinations: Search results automatically display pricing for a 15-day window (7 +/-) to show customers more options, and fares are displayed in "each way" increments to give customers added flexibility and clarity when building their trav-

el itineraries.

3. Upgrade insight: Knowing if upgrades are available for purchase on a particular flight helps customers make more informed booking decisions. Customers can now view upgrade availability and redeem any MileagePlus upgrade prior to purchase on all eligible flights.

4. Widgets working for you: The new homepage features widgets customized to MileagePlus members' travel histories including a quick-view of upcoming trips, saved searches and alerts, to name a few. *(Bonus: Users can select travel and aviation-themed photography for their homepage backgrounds.)*

5. Touch-friendly: No matter

the device style or device brand, customers will have a seamless, touch-friendly user experience.

"We reimagined the flight booking experience from the ground up," said Scott Wilson, United's vice president of merchandising and eCommerce. "Much more than a facelift—we kept our customers' needs and preferences for personalized travel at the center of the design to offer an entirely new and improved experience altogether."

In redesigning the site, United also used feedback from customers to improve the features they valued most, making those tools cleaner and easier to use.

With technology increasingly shaping every part of a customer's journey, the rebuilt united.com is a part of the airline's initiative to improve and grow all of its digital channels including its kiosks and industry-leading mobile app. Moving forward customers will have a cohesive, familiar and user-friendly digital experience with United no matter what platform they're using.

After fully launching the new homepage and booking path this summer, United will continue to phase-in additional updated pages and functionality to all of united.com. In the process, customers may be directed to existing pages that reflect the current design. *(United)*

WIA is now accepting applicants for summer youth jobs program

The CNMI Department of Labor WIA Division has begun its preparations for this year's Summer Youth Employment and Training Program, which holds significant changes to funding allocations for those considered In-School-Youth, or ISY.

The newly enacted WIOA increases funding for Out-of-School Youths, or OSYs, from 30 percent under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to 75 percent. WIOA shifts the primary program focus of Title I youth formula programs to the educational and career success of out-of-school youth.

WIOA outlines a broader youth vision that supports an integrated service delivery system and provides a framework through which states and local areas, including the CNMI, can leverage other federal, state, local, and philanthropic resources to support ISY and OSY. For this reason, the CNMI DOL WIA Division has been actively engaging its other youth program partners, such as the Public School System, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, and Division of Youth Services, to leverage resources alongside WIA so that more ISYs can be served during the

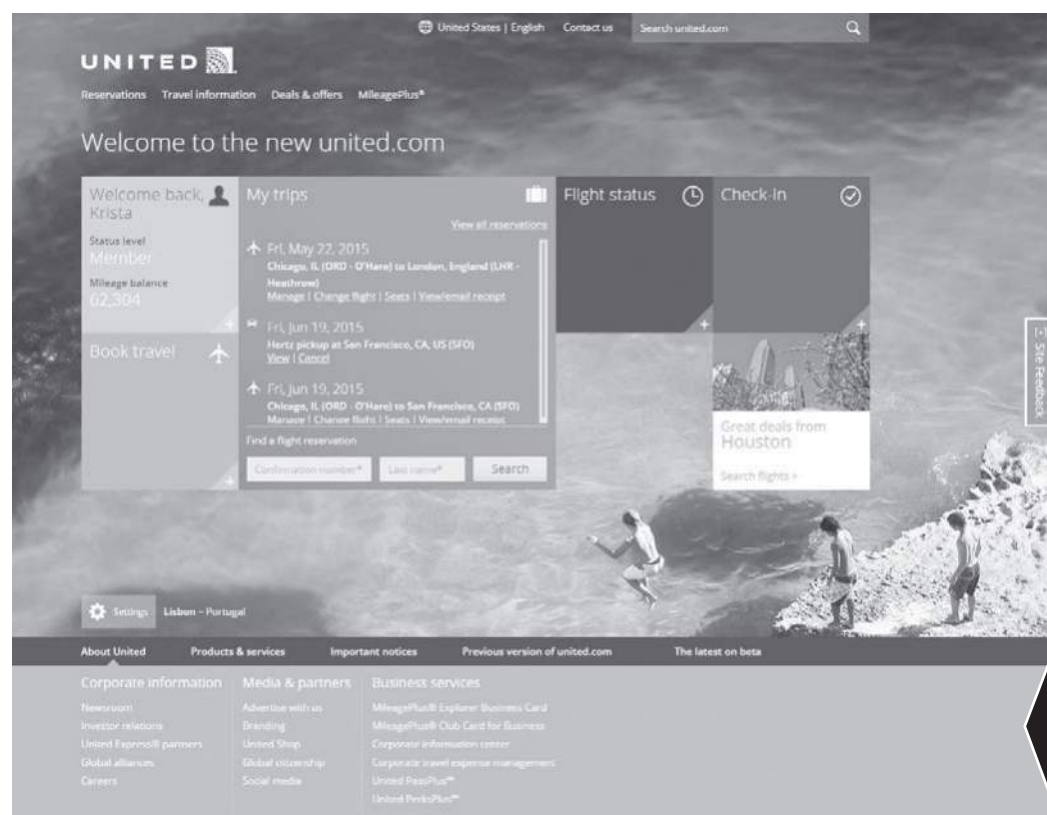
Summer Youth Employment and Training Programs.

Employers will be receiving their letters encouraging their partnership and participation. The CNMI DOL WIA is grateful for the many years employers have supported the continued success of this program.

Summer applications will become available online and at the WIA Office on Capital Hill starting today, May 14, with closing application dates for Rota and Tinian set for May 27 and May 29 for Saipan. Age qualification is not younger than 14 (unless an individual with a disability who is attending school under state law) or older than 21 with additional program statutory barriers that must be met.

WIA case managers will be on Tinian and Rota on May 26, 2015. Work schedules are being planned for two weeks beginning July 13-24, 2015, and if slots are not sufficient for phase one, a second phase will open from July 27 to Aug. 7, 2015.

Applications can be downloaded from www.wia.gov.mp. For additional inquiries you may call the WIA Office at 664-1704, 05, 07, 57. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. *(PR)*



UNITED AIRLINES

United Airlines' new homepage and flight booking features for united.com encompasses everything from searching and sorting flight options to reserving and buying tickets.

Nation

Amtrak train derails, killing 5 people; cars ripped apart

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—An Amtrak train headed to New York City derailed and tipped over in Philadelphia on Tuesday night, mangling the front of it, tearing the cars apart and killing at least five people. Scores of passengers were injured, and some climbed out of windows to get away.

Mayor Michael Nutter, who confirmed the deaths, said the scene was horrific and not all the more than 240 people on the train had been accounted for.

"It is an absolute disastrous mess," he said. "I've never seen anything like this in my life."

He said all seven train cars, including the engine, were in "various stages of disarray." He said there were cars that were "completely overturned, on their side, ripped apart."

"It is a devastating scene down there," he said. "We walked the entire length of the train area, and the engine completely separated from the rest of the train, and one of the cars is perpendicular to the rest of



AP
Emergency personnel work the scene of a deadly train wreck, Tuesday, May 12, 2015, in Philadelphia. An Amtrak train headed to New York City derailed and tipped over in Philadelphia.

the cars. It's unbelievable."

More than 130 people were hospitalized, and six were criti-

cally injured.

The cause of the derailment was unknown, but Amtrak said it was investigating and was trucking in portable lights to illuminate the scene

overnight as workers examined the wreckage.

Train 188, a Northeast Regional, had left Washington, D.C. The front of the train was going into a turn when it start-

ed to shake before coming to a sudden stop.

An Associated Press manager, Paul Cheung, was on the train and said he was watching Netflix when "the train started

to decelerate, like someone had slammed the brake."

"Then suddenly you could see everything starting to shake," he said. "You could see people's stuff flying over me."

Cheung said another passenger urged him to escape from the back of his car, which he did. He said he saw passengers trying to escape through the windows of cars tipped on their side.

"The front of the train is really mangled," he said. "It's a complete wreck. The whole thing is like a pile of metal."

Another passenger, Daniel Wettrin, was among more than a dozen people taken to a nearby elementary school afterward.

"I think the fact that I walked off (the train) kind of made it even more surreal because a lot of people didn't walk off," he said. "I walked off as if, like, I was in a movie. There were people standing around, people with bloody faces. There were people, chairs, tables mangled about in the compartment ... power cables all buckled down as you stepped off the train."

George Zimmerman's fresh start hampered by new investigation

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—George Zimmerman had moved out of Florida recently, hoping for a fresh start.

In the two years since his acquittal in the fatal shooting of Trayvon Martin, the one-time neighborhood watch volunteer has had several run-ins with the law.

Once again, he is involved in a police investigation, only this time authorities say he was shot at in his pickup truck. What exactly transpired with the shooter—a man he crossed paths with last fall—is in dispute.

Zimmerman and Matthew Apperson were both driving Monday on a busy road in the Orlando suburb of Lake Mary when some sort of confrontation occurred. The passenger window of Zimmerman's pickup had a bullet hole in it and Zimmerman suffered minor injuries from flying glass and debris.

Zimmerman had returned to the area for Mother's Day and a doctor's appointment, and was driving to his doctor's office when the confrontation took place, said his attorney, Don West. Apperson works nearby, at a disability-benefits office.

Police recovered a handgun from Zimmerman and took two guns from Apperson's car. Both men had their guns legally.

"He never waved it, displayed it or brandished it," West said of Zimmerman. "He

did not threaten Mr. Apperson in any way with a firearm."

Apperson's attorney, Mark NeJame, said the shooting was "a good, old-fashioned self-defense case" and that Apperson's encounter with Zimmerman was pure "happstance." Apperson claimed Zimmerman brandished a gun and he feared for his life, NeJame said.

"He is not looking for trouble. He did not want trouble," NeJame said. "He's not following George Zimmerman around. He's not wanting anything to do with George Zimmerman, as it relates to any of this."

Police on Tuesday released a 911 call in which the caller says Apperson told him he was forced to fire at Zimmerman.

"A guy says he had to shoot a guy through the window and he wants the police to come," the man said on the call. "He had to shoot at somebody ... He said it was George Zimmerman."

Documents show detectives are investigating the shooting as a possible aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill. There is no timetable on when they will decide on whether any charges are warranted.

Police appealed to the public for help, believing "there is someone that saw something" on the busy road, Lake Mary Officer Bianca Gillett said.

Zimmerman and Apperson

White officer will not be charged in Wisconsin shooting

MADISON, Wis. (AP)—A white Wisconsin police officer won't be charged for fatally shooting an unarmed 19-year-old biracial man, a prosecutor announced Tuesday, prompting peaceful demonstrations but none of the immediate violence that has hit some other U.S. cities in similar cases.

Dane County District Attorney Ismael Ozanne said he wouldn't file charges against Madison Officer Matt Kenny in the March 6 death of Tony Robinson, saying the officer used lawful deadly force after he was staggered by a punch to the head and feared for his life.

Ozanne, mopping his brow

repeatedly but speaking forcefully for some 25 minutes, took pains to outline his own biracial heritage before announcing his decision.

"I am the son of a black woman who still worries about my safety," Ozanne said. "I am a man who understands the pain of unjustified profiling, and I am the first district attorney of color, not only in Dane County, but in the state of Wisconsin."

Then, Ozanne walked through evidence from the scene, 911 callers, Robinson's friends, police affidavits, crime lab reports and more to paint a picture of a young man out of control from a mix of hallucinogenic mush-

rooms, marijuana and Xanax. Kenny rushed to the apartment building and immediately became concerned that Robinson was attacking someone upstairs. He fired his weapon only after he was punched in the head and feared he might be disarmed and killed, Ozanne said.

Kenny wasn't wearing a body camera. Dashcam video released Tuesday shows the outside of the home, and the shots fired can be heard.

"I conclude that (Robinson's) tragic and unfortunate death was the result of a lawful use of deadly police force and that no charges should be brought against Officer Kenny in the death of Tony

Robinson Jr.," Ozanne said. He quickly wrapped up and left to meet Robinson family members.

Robinson's mother, Andrea Irwin, said she was not surprised by the decision. The investigation wasn't thorough enough, she said.

"They could have done a lot. What they didn't do was give my son any respect," she said. But family members, as they have since the shooting, asked that protests remain peaceful.

About 100 people gathered at Robinson's apartment house in the wake of Ozanne's decision. One of them, Jivonte Davis, 19, said he had known Robinson since the fifth grade.

Horse-drawn trash service behooves 2 communities

MIDDLEBURY, Vt. (AP)—The average garbage truck uses about 300 horsepower, but one Vermont service is getting the job done the old-fashioned way: two horsepower.

Twice a week, draft horses haul a cart as they clip-clop through the neighborhoods of Middlebury, while Patrick Palmer and his two employees toss garbage bags and recycling left at the curbside onto the cart.

Garbage collection usually isn't a picture-worthy event. But this beast-of-burden service is a spectacle that draws children to the curbside to see the giant dappled Percherons, and passers-by to snap cell-phone photos and video from their vehicles.

"The thing I enjoy the most



AP
In this May 5, 2015 photo, Patrick Palmer drives his horse-drawn garbage collection wagon and its crew along a street in Middlebury, Vt.

is the little kids coming out to see the horses. And I've trained maybe 20 kids to drive horses," said Palmer, 68, who started the service in the neighboring village of Bristol 18 years ago. This spring, he expanded

to Middlebury, a busier college town of more than 8,000, and he and his crew collect trash two days a week, alternating the two teams, named Jake and Jerry, and Pete and Paul.

He estimates he has about

220 customers in Bristol and 70 in Middlebury, but hopes to get more.

Whether residents just like the horses or a more environmentally sensitive service than fuel-guzzling and pollution-emitting garbage trucks, they pay \$5 a bag, comparable in price to other services.

Amanda Kimel, who now uses a different service, is thinking of switching.

"We think it's a great idea. We like that it's earth-friendly, and we're animal lovers, so we just like to see the horses come down the road," said Kimel, standing on the roadside last week holding her 20-month-old son, who had never seen a horse before. "The first day we saw them at the end of the circle, I couldn't believe it."

Asia

Thousands spend night outdoors as death toll rises in Nepal

CHAUTARA, Nepal (AP)—Thousands of fear-stricken people spent the night outdoors after a new earthquake killed dozens of people and spread more misery in Nepal, which is still reeling from a devastating quake that killed more than 8,000 nearly three weeks ago.

A U.S. Marine Corps helicop-

ter carrying six Marines and two Nepalese soldiers was reported missing while delivering disaster aid in northeastern Nepal, U.S. officials said, although there have been no indications the aircraft crashed.

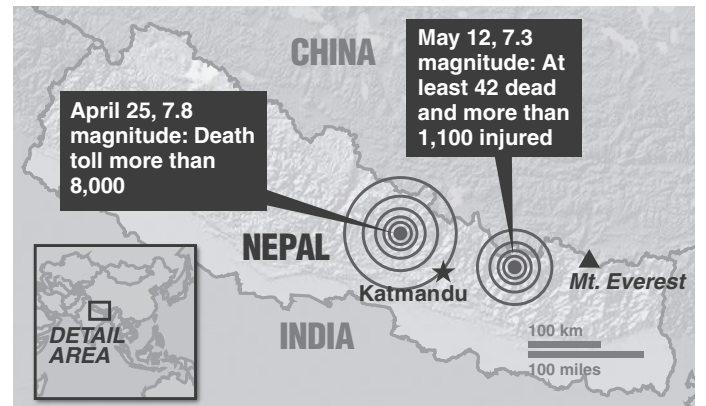
Home ministry official Laxmi Dhakal said Wednesday that army helicopters were scouring

the Sunkhani area, nearly 80 kilometers (50 miles) northeast of Kathmandu, for the missing helicopter.

Tuesday's magnitude-7.3 quake, centered between Kathmandu and Mount Everest, struck hardest in the foothills of the Himalayas and triggered landslides that blocked roads

to remote villages in several districts. Most of the 65 people confirmed dead by Wednesday morning were in Dolakha district, located northeast of Kathmandu, the district's chief administrator Prem Lal Lamichane said.

"People are terrorized. Everyone is scared here. They



Source: AP, BBC
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service



Nepalese people stand by the side of a street and watch damage caused by an earthquake in Kathmandu, Nepal, Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

Malaysia to push back Rohingya unless boats are sinking

LANGKAWI, Malaysia (AP)—Abandoned at sea, thousands of Bangladeshis and members of Myanmar's long-persecuted Rohingya Muslim-minority appeared Wednesday to have no place to go after two Southeast Asian nations refused to offer refuge to boatloads of hungry men, women and children.

Smugglers have fled wooden trawlers in recent days as fears grew of a massive regional crackdown on human trafficking syndicates, leaving migrants to fend for themselves.

The United Nations pleaded for countries in the region to

keep their borders open and help rescue those stranded, while a group of parliamentarians slammed the "not-in-my-back-yard" attitude.

"We won't let any foreign boats come in," Tan Kok Wee, first admiral of Malaysia's maritime enforcement agency said Tuesday.

Unless they're not seaworthy and sinking, he added, the navy will provide "provisions and send them away."

Hours earlier, Indonesia pushed back a boat packed with hundreds of Rohingya and Bangladeshis, saying they were given

food, water and directions to Malaysia—their original destination.

Southeast Asia is in the grips of a spiraling humanitarian crisis, with around 1,600 migrants landing on the shores of the two Muslim-majority countries that over the years have shown the most sympathy for the Rohingyas' plight.

With thousands more believed to be in the busy Malacca Strait and nearby waters—some stranded for more than two months—activists believe many more boats will try to make land in coming days and weeks.

One boat begged Tuesday to be

rescued off Malaysia's Langkawi Island, but it became clear by nightfall no help was on the way. An activist said she could hear the children crying when she got a call through to the boat.

Labeled by the U.N. one of the world's most persecuted minorities, the Rohingyas have for decades suffered from state-sanctioned discrimination in Buddhist-majority Myanmar. Denied citizenship by national law, the Muslims are effectively stateless. Access to education and adequate health care is limited and freedom of movement severely restricted.

S. Korea's spy agency says N. Korea executed defense chief

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korean leader Kim Jong Un executed his defense chief for sleeping during a meeting and talking back to the young leader, South Korea's spy agency told lawmakers Wednesday, citing what it called credible information.

National Intelligence Service officials told a closed-door parliamentary committee meeting that People's Armed Forces Minister Hyon Yong Chol was killed by anti-aircraft gunfire with hundreds watching at a shooting range at Pyongyang's Kang Kon Military Academy

in late April, according to lawmaker Shin Kyoung-min. Shin attended the briefing.

The office of another lawmaker, Lee Cheol Woo, released similar information about the NIS briefing.

The NIS didn't tell lawmakers how it got the information, only that it was from a variety of channels and that it believed it to be true, Shin said. The agency wouldn't comment when contacted by The Associated Press. South Korea's spy agency has a spotty record of tracking developments in North Korea. Information about the secretive,

authoritarian state is often impossible to confirm.

Since taking power upon the death of his dictator father in late 2011, Kim has orchestrated a series of purges in apparent efforts to bolster his grip on power. Analysts are split on whether the bloody power shifts indicate a young leader in firm control, or someone still struggling to establish himself. The most notable purge was in 2013 when Kim executed his uncle and chief deputy, Jang Song Thaek, for alleged treason.

Koh Yu-hwan, a North Korea

expert at Dongguk University in Seoul, said Kim Jong Un appears to be using purges to keep the military old guard in check as they pose the only plausible threats to his rule. Koh said Kim could be resorting to a "reign of terror" to solidify his leadership but that would eventually have only a limited effect if he fails to produce breakthroughs in resolving the country's economic woes.

Last month, spy officials told lawmakers that North Korea executed 15 senior officials accused of challenging Kim's authority.

ASIAN BRIEFS

PH seeks US help in stopping China land reclamation

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Philippines' top diplomat says he is seeking more U.S. help in stopping massive land reclamation by China that could give Beijing effective control of the South China Sea. Foreign Minister Albert del Rosario said Tuesday that China is attempting to enforce the rough boundaries it uses to define its domain. He described those boundary lines as "unlawful." China and five other claimants, including the Philippines, contest control of the potentially resource-rich waters. Del Rosario told a Washington think tank that China's control could lead to militarization of the South China Sea, and also threatens the rule of law and freedom of navigation. A U.S. defense official said last week that China's land reclamation now totals about 2,000 acres. Chinese officials have defended the action, saying it is Beijing's territory.

SKorea military says shooting spree leaves 2 dead, 3 injured

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—A South Korean reserve soldier went on a shooting spree Wednesday, killing a fellow reservist and injuring three others before killing himself, army officials said. The soldier opened fire with a K-2 rifle on fellow reservists during mandatory drills at a reserve forces training site in Seoul, the army officials said speaking on condition of ano-

nymity because of office rules.

Tremors radiated across parts of Asia. In neighboring India, at least 16 people were confirmed dead after rooftops or walls collapsed onto them, according to India's Home Ministry. Chinese media reported one death in Tibet.

The magnitude-7.8 earthquake that hit April 25 killed more than 8,150 and flattened entire villages, leaving hundreds of thousands homeless in the country's worst-recorded quake since 1934. The U.S. Geological Survey said Tuesday's earthquake was the largest aftershock to date of that destructive quake.

nymity because of office rules. The soldier committed suicide after the rampage and one of the injured was declared dead at a hospital, the army officials said. The military is investigating but had no other initial details, they said. Shootings at military barracks by soldiers have happened with some frequency in recent years, raising worries about bullying and mental health conditions in the country's armed forces. But a shooting spree involving a reservist is unusual.

Strong quake shakes northeast Japan, no tsunami risk

TOKYO (AP)—A strong earthquake hit Japan on Wednesday in the same region devastated by a major quake and tsunami in 2011. Authorities said there was no risk of tsunami. The magnitude 6.8 quake struck at 6:12 a.m. at a depth of 46 kilometers (29 miles) off the coast of Miyagi prefecture, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. It shook a wide swath of northern Japan and was felt in Tokyo, 415 kilometers (260 miles) to the southwest. There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage. Meteorological agency official Yohei Hasegawa told a news conference that the earthquake was an aftershock of the magnitude 9.0 disaster that killed more than 18,000 people in March 2011. No abnormalities were reported at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant, which was damaged beyond repair in the 2011 disaster, or at other reactors in the region.

World

Spain halts Airbus A400M test flights pending crash cause

MADRID (AP)—Spain on Tuesday withdrew permission for test flights of Airbus A400M military transport planes that are still in production until an investigation determines the cause of a deadly weekend crash, officials said.

The move, announced by Defense Minister Pedro Morenes, sparked new uncertainty about planned deliveries of the cargo plane to national militaries that have ordered it by the dozens.

In a statement, Airbus said it was too early to say how Spain's decision would affect the delivery schedule for the planes, and it was working with military authorities and customers "to manage the situation."

Two pilots and two flight test engineers died in Saturday's crash in the southern city of Seville, where A400Ms are being assembled.

"It's not a good idea for those planes in the production phase and about to do tests to fly without knowing what really happened with the (crashed) plane," Morenes said in an interview with Onda Cero radio.



AP
In this June 26, 2008 file photo, Spanish King Juan Carlos, fourth from right, poses with other officials in front of the new military Airbus A400M in Seville, Spain.

Spain's air traffic controllers said on Twitter that the pilots

had communicated just before the crash that an unspecified

problem was affecting the flight. Some media outlets also quot-

ed Airbus Seville labor union representative Francisco Figueroa as saying the pilot evaded a much worse disaster by landing the plane in a field, avoiding a possible crash into a nearby shopping mall or factories.

"It appears that the pilot made a maneuver to try to avoid worse things happening in the accident," Morenes said. The four who died were honored at a funeral mass at Seville's cathedral on Tuesday.

Morenes said the permits

were being temporarily rescinded by Spain's National Institute for Aerospace Technique, which means that A400Ms in final stages of assembly cannot go on test flights.

Morenes declined to provide initial findings of the crash investigation, stressing that the probe will be complicated. Also, a judge in Seville in charge of the crash probe ordered that it must be conducted in secret.

Possible human and technological crash factors will be investigated, Morenes said, adding the possibility that the pilot's maneuvering of the plane in its final moments in the air might provide clues.

Separately Tuesday, Airbus sought to promote the plane's safety by conducting a test flight of another A400M. The plane flew safely from Toulouse, France, to Seville.

That flight was not affected by Spain's halt on test flights because the plane owned by Airbus is a test plane not scheduled for delivery, said an Airbus official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of company policy preventing the official from being named.

Fernando Alonso, who heads Airbus Defense and Space, took part as a flight engineer in a symbolic show of confidence.

Attacks in Iraqi capital kill at least 19 Shiite pilgrims

BAGHDAD (AP)—Attacks on Shiite pilgrims commemorating the death of revered 8th century Shiite Imam Moussa al-Kazim killed at least 19 people and wounded more than 50 across the Iraqi capital, police officials said.

The largest of the attacks happened in central Baghdad when a suicide bomber attacked pilgrims buying food and drinks on their way back from the al-Kazim's shrine located in the capital's Kazimiyah neighbor-

hood. Officials said at least 10 people were killed in the attack and another 25 wounded. The Islamic State militant group claimed responsibility for the attack, in a statement distributed on associated Twitter accounts Tuesday, saying it sought to target fighters with the Popular Mobilization Units, a predominantly Shiite force currently battling the Sunni militants in Iraq.

In eastern Baghdad, another two pilgrims were killed and

nine wounded when a roadside bomb exploded on Palestine Street. On the northeastern edge of the capital, in the town of Bab al-Sham, at least three mortars targeted Shiite pilgrims, killing four and wounding at least 12.

Also in Mashahidah, just north of Baghdad, at least three pilgrims were killed and eight wounded by an improvised explosive device.

Hospital officials confirmed the casualties. All officials spoke

anonymously because they are not authorized to brief the media.

The Islamic State militant group has been behind attacks in several of the capital's predominantly Shiite neighborhoods. The Iraqi military, backed by U.S. airstrikes and fighters from the Popular Mobilization Units, recently recaptured Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit from the militant group in a push to regain control of the Sunni heartland.

WORLD BRIEFS

Iran warns Saudi, US against targeting Yemen aid ship

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—A senior Iranian military official has warned the Saudi-led coalition targeting Yemeni rebels that attacking an Iranian aid ship bound for Yemen will "spark a fire." Gen. Masoud Jazayeri, the deputy chief of staff, delivered the warning in an interview with Iran's Arabic-language Al-Alam state TV late Tuesday. Iran says the ship, which departed Monday, is carrying food, medicine, tents and blankets, as well as reporters, rescue workers and peace activists. It says the ship is expected to arrive at Yemen's port city of Hodeida next week. The U.S. and Saudi Arabia have accused Iran of arming the Yemeni rebels, known as Houthis. Iran supports the rebels, but both Tehran and the Houthis deny it has provided weapons to them.

Raul Castro: US, Cuba ambassadors to be named soon

HAVANA (AP)—Cuba and the U.S. will name ambassadors to each other's countries after the island is removed from the U.S. list of state sponsors of terrorism later this month, Cuban President Raul Castro said Tuesday. Castro spoke to journalists at Havana's international airport after seeing off visiting French President Francois Hollande. The United States and Cuba have not had full diplomatic relations since 1961. Currently they have lower-level missions called Interests Sections in each other's countries, under the protection of the Swiss government. President Barack Obama in April announced his decision to remove Cuba from the terror list, which was seen a major obstacle for the opening of full embassies. A 45-day waiting period that would give Congress time to

take action on Obama's decision ends on May 29.

Kerry fills in NATO allies on Putin meeting

ANTALYA, Turkey (AP)—A day after lengthy talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry was filling in allies during a gathering of NATO foreign ministers in the southern Turkish town of Antalya, Turkey. The ministers have gathered here to plot strategy amid the continued crisis in Ukraine and instability throughout the Middle East, including in neighboring Syria and Iraq. Kerry was also meeting with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin and Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu. Kerry spent all day Tuesday in the Russian city of Sochi where he and Putin sought to ease tensions created largely by disagreements over the situation in Ukraine.

1 more killed in Burundi before regional meeting on violence

BUJUMBURA, Burundi (AP)—One more demonstrator was killed in Burundi bringing the death toll to 15 in continuing protests in the capital over President Pierre Nkurunziza's bid for a third term in office, an official said Tuesday. A policewoman was among those injured in the violence said government administrator Pauline Rutotoye. More than 220 have been injured in the protests, which are now in their third week. In the Musaga area south of the capital, police fired into the crowd with live bullets, injuring four people, said protester Jean Vyukuri. In Ngagara in the capital, protesters burned two vehicles including a bus and a state-owned car. The latest violence comes on the eve of an East African Community summit in Tanzania to discuss Burundi's violence.

Pope: God will judge you on whether you cared for Earth

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Francis warned the rich and powerful on Tuesday that God will judge them on whether they fed the poor and cared for the Earth, his latest exhortation on the environment ahead of his eagerly-awaited encyclical on climate change and its effects on the world's most vulnerable.

Francis delivered the warning during a Mass for the Vatican's Caritas Internationalis charity.

In his homily, Francis said the planet has enough food to feed the world but "it seems that there is a lack of willingness to share it with everyone."

"We must do what we can so that everyone has something to eat. But we must also remind the powerful of the Earth that God will call them to judgment one day," he said. "And there it will be revealed if they really tried to provide for him in every person, and if they did what they could to preserve the environment so that it could produce this food."

No papal document in recent

times has produced as much anticipation or anxiety as Francis' encyclical, which is expected next month. Environmentalists are thrilled that Francis is lending his moral authority to provide an ethical foundation for action to stem climate change. Conservatives, including many Christians, have criticized Francis for wading into the politically charged climate debate.

On Tuesday, one of Francis' key advisers, Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga, said he was stunned by the complaints he had heard during a trip to the United States over a papal document that hasn't even been published yet. He accused those fueling it of an ideology "that is very strongly linked to a vision of capitalism that doesn't want to renounce damaging the environment for the sake of profits."

Francis has said global warming is "mostly" man-made and that humanity has a moral duty to stop it.

Life & Style

Elizabeth Banks

takes the reins on
'Pitch Perfect 2'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Everyone warned Elizabeth Banks against filming the outdoor concert finale for "Pitch Perfect 2." It was June in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. It was scorching hot, it was hurricane season, and they would have to build a full, functioning stage and recruit a small town of extras to make it believable.

But Banks knew what she wanted.

"I kept saying, 'I don't care, it's going to look cool, we've got to do it,'" said the actress, producer, and now, feature director.

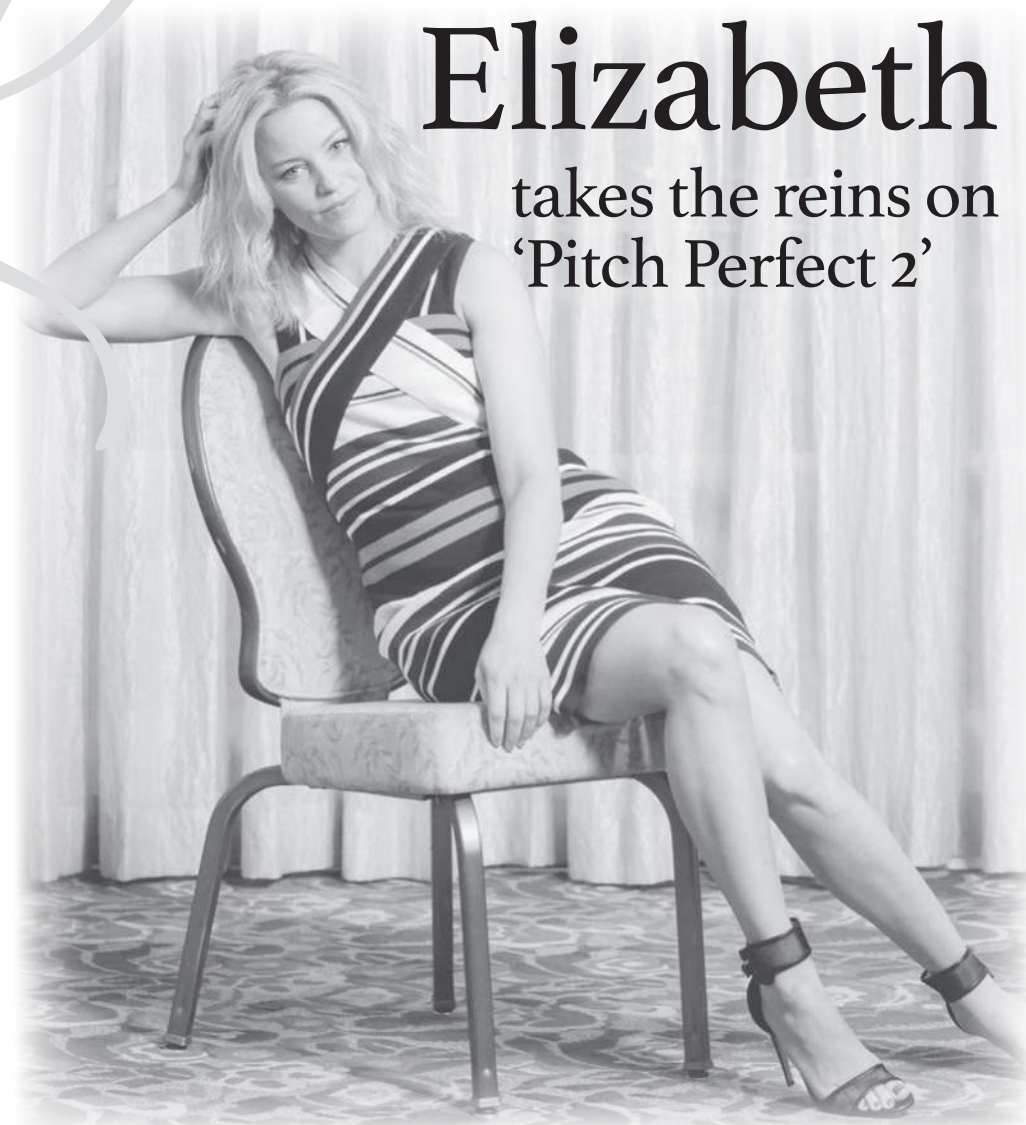
It took nearly a month to build the Glastonbury Festival-inspired stage. As for the extras, the production sent out an open invitation casting call to fans of "Pitch Perfect."

Over 3,000 people showed up.

The massive undertaking required four all-night shoots, multiple cameras, elaborate performances and a tolerance for mysterious bug bites. Banks even took responsibility for the crowd's waning energy.

"At one point, she went out on stage and started whipping them into a frenzy," said Banks' husband and producing partner, Max Handelman. But the crowd really lost it when she brought a few Bellas out, too.

"It was her connecting the fans with the girls and letting everyone know that this was a big deal," said Handelman.



It's no secret that "Pitch Perfect" has fans to spare. Universal Pictures' modest 2012 comedy about a college A Capella group (the Bellas) racked up \$113 million worldwide and an

additional \$103 million in home video sales.

As plans for a sequel started to take shape, though, the first film's director, Jason Moore, signed on to the Tina Fey-Amy

Poehler comedy "Sisters," and suddenly "Pitch Perfect 2" needed a director.

Banks, known for roles in "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" and "The Hunger Games," had been

thinking about directing for some time. She directed plays at the University of Pennsylvania, and had been taking on small projects over the past few years to learn as much as she could. Plus, as a producer and actor on the first film, Banks already knew the capella world and had the trust of returning cast like Anna Kendrick and Rebel Wilson.

"Right as I was raising my hand to do it, the studio said, 'Why don't you do it?'" she said.

The Bellas, this time, are trying to claw their way back to the top after a high-profile embarrassment.

"I certainly did not plan for my feature directorial debut to be a giant musical," she laughed. But she dove in and endeavored to make everything—costumes, performances and stakes—big-

ger. There's even a cameo by "Pitch Perfect" superfans the Green Bay Packers.

"I feel that I have more to offer this business and that I was being underused," Banks said of directing and producing. "I knew it would probably change my life. I also knew that I had to say yes. Women just don't get offered these opportunities."

For the over four-months-long shoot, Banks relocated to Baton Rouge with her husband and two sons and "lived like a monk." She put in her 12-hours on set, spent as much time with her children as possible, and slept.

"I'm a wonderful multitasker...as are most moms that I know. That helps," she said.

She also drew on the teachings of directors she's worked with—how Judd Apatow gets improv coverage, how Francis Lawrence films dancers (include the hips) and how to stay calm on set. On "Catch Me If You Can," Steven Spielberg was "so relaxed."

Why Jamie Lee Curtis decided to do TV

NEW YORK (AP)—Jamie Lee Curtis says her reason for taking a role in Fox's upcoming horror comedy "Scream Queens" is simple.

Ryan Murphy, the show's creator and an executive producer, called her.

"He called me on the phone. I picked it up. ...He said, 'I'm gonna write a show for you. Please do it with me,'" said Curtis at an event Monday in New York.

The show, now filming in New Orleans, will follow an anthology format like Murphy's "American Horror Story" on FX. Season one takes place at a college campus where a number of murders have occurred. It's set to premiere this fall.

Curtis plays the dean of the university and her co-stars are a who's who of young Hollywood, including Emma Roberts, Keke Palmer, Lea Michele, Abigail Breslin, Nick Jonas, Ariana Grande and Sky-

ler Samuels.

"They're lovely," she said. "They're all happy to have the gig. There's not a rotten apple in the bunch. There's no attitude. Everybody's here. Everybody wants to support Murphy's vision. They're all grateful for the confidence he's placed in them as I feel. And, look it's a job. We're all happy to have it and if anybody starts to not be happy to have it I will be the person to remind them that they should be very happy to have it. Not that I think there's gonna be one."

Curtis is known for 1978's "Halloween," "Trading Places" and "A Fish Called Wanda." She says she wasn't particularly looking to do television, or for work for that matter.

"I don't care. I did yogurt commercials. I mean honestly. I work, I go home. I'm happy to be doing this. They're lovely. I'd be very happy to be home," she laughed.

11-year-old Indonesian jazz piano prodigy releases debut CD

NEW YORK (AP)—Joey Alexander's favorite things include the Avengers, SpongeBob and Thelonious Monk. He's a normal 11-year-old kid who just happens to be a jazz piano prodigy from Indonesia and has already impressed such jazz luminaries as Wynton Marsalis and Herbie Hancock.

This week, Alexander released his debut CD, "My Favorite Things," making a statement on the opening track with a 10-minute-plus version of John Coltrane's harmonically challenging "Giant Steps." He also displays a sensitive touch on ballads such as Billy Strayhorn's "Lush Life" and Monk's "Round Midnight."

Not only did he arrange all the tunes, but he also wrote an original composition, "Ma Blues," inspired by Bobby Timmons' jazz classic "Moanin'."

"For me jazz is a calling. I love jazz because it's about freedom to express yourself and being spontaneous, full of rhythm and full of improvisation," said the mop-topped pianist, who barely tops 4 1/2 feet and weighs about 80 pounds, in a recent interview.

"Technique is important, but for me first when I play it's from the heart and feeling the groove."

Alexander made his U.S. debut in May 2014 at Jazz at Lincoln Center's annual gala where performed a solo version of "Round Midnight."

Marsalis, JALC's artistic director, brought him over from Indonesia after a friend insisted that he watch a YouTube clip of the 10-year-old performing tunes by Coltrane, Monk and Chick Corea.

"There has never been anyone that you can think of who could play like that at his age," Marsalis said. "I loved everything about his playing—his rhythm, his confidence, his understanding of the music."

Alexander, whose parents are Christians, attributes his unique talent as being "a gift from God."

Born in Bali, Josiah Alexander Sila began playing piano at the age of 6 when his father, an amateur pianist and guitarist, brought home a mini electric keyboard. Alexander immediately began picking out the melody of Monk's "Well, You Needn't" and other standards by ear from listening to his father's jazz collection.

His father gave him some lessons, and he soon started



Alexander

jamming with local musicians. His parents gave up their adventure tour business and moved to Jakarta so he could play with Indonesia's top jazz musicians.

At age 8, Alexander had the opportunity to play for his hero, Hancock, at a UNESCO event in Jakarta. Alexander says Hancock's encouragement led him "to dedicate" himself to jazz.

His father, Denny Sila, said he never intended for his son to pursue a jazz career, but changed his mind after Alexander topped a field of more than 40 professional musicians to win the 2013 Master-Jam Fest competition for jazz improvisers in Ukraine.

In October, Alexander went into a studio for the first time to record "My Favorite Things." He recently obtained an O-1 visa for "individuals with extraordinary ability" enabling him to stay with his family in New York to pursue his jazz dream.

"I want to develop by practicing and playing, and challenging myself to get better every day," said Alexander.

His upcoming plans include performances at the presti-

gious Montreal and Newport jazz festivals.

Newport producer George Wein says he's always been reluctant to book so-called child prodigies, but he made an exception after Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe, tennis legend Arthur Ashe's widow, brought Alexander over to his Manhattan apartment to play for him.

"The thing that differs from most young players is the maturity of his harmonic approach," said Wein. "His playing is very contemporary but he also has a sense of the history of the music."

Lawyer for 50 Cent denies rapper robbed man of jewelry

LAS VEGAS (AP)—A lawyer for rapper 50 Cent said Tuesday that neither the musician nor his security guards robbed a Los Angeles man of jewelry at gunpoint in Las Vegas earlier this month.

Police are investigating a report that a jewelry company owner was robbed early May 2 at or near boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr.'s gym, said Officer Jesse Roybal, a department spokesman.

Celebrity website TMZ first reported that LAX Jewelry Co. owner Robert Marin said he

met the rapper at a nightclub and was later invited to Mayweather's gym, where he was pistol-whipped and robbed of a diamond watch and chain valued at some \$250,000.

The alleged attack occurred the morning before Mayweather defeated Manny Pacquiao in a welterweight championship fight at the MGM Grand Garden Arena.

Marin had minor injuries when he flagged down an officer and filed a complaint about 5 a.m., Roybal said. No charges were immediately filed, and

Roybal said a police report had not been made public.

Attorney Scott Leemon, representing the rapper whose legal name is Curtis James Jackson III, acknowledged TMZ's report.

"On behalf of 50, I can adamantly deny that he or his security had anything to do with these baseless and false allegations," Leemon said in a statement.

Marin didn't immediately respond to telephone messages to his business by The Associated Press.

'X Files' stars Duchovny, Anderson sing together onstage

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

For sale: Paula Deen asking \$12.5M for her Savannah mansion

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP)—Paula Deen has put her Savannah mansion on the market with an asking price of \$12.5 million. The celebrity cook's 5.5-acre estate overlooking the Wilmington River includes a main house of 14,500 square feet and two guest cottages. The house has indoor and outdoor kitchens and a poolside movie theater. There is also a barn on the property that functions as an eight-car garage and a chicken coop. Spokesman Jaret Keller said Tuesday that new ventures have kept Deen so busy that she wants "an easier and simpler life" at home on the Georgia coast. After parting ways with the Food Network in 2013, Deen launched her own online subscription network last year.

1970s idol David Cassidy fined \$900 in drunken-driving case

SCHODACK, New York (AP)—Seventies heartthrob David Cassidy has been fined \$900 and ordered to perform 50 hours of community service in an upstate New York drunken-driving case. The 65-year-old former star of "The Partridge family" pleaded guilty last September to a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced in absentia on Tuesday. A Schodack town justice says Cassidy's sentence also includes a six-month license suspension, installation of an ignition interlock device to prevent him from starting a car drunk and a waiver of his right to appeal. Cassidy lives in Florida.

Kanye West, Nicki Minaj to perform at Billboard Awards

NEW YORK (AP)—Kanye

West and Nicki Minaj have been added to the list of performers for Sunday's Billboard Music Awards. Dick Clark Productions also announced Tuesday that Wiz Khalifa and Charlie Puth will perform their No. 1 hit remembering actor Paul Walker, "See You Again," at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. Imagine Dragons will pay tribute to the late Ben E. King by singing "Stand by Me," and Minaj will perform her latest hit with David Guetta, "Hey Mama." Previously announced performers include Mariah Carey, Britney Spears, Iggy Azalea, Ed Sheeran, Nick Jonas, Van Halen, Meghan Trainor, Little Big Town with Faith Hill and "Empire" cast members Jussie Smollett and Bryshere "Yazz" Gray. The top nominee is Taylor Swift with 14.

Clooney, astronauts mark 45th anniversary of Apollo 13

SUGAR LAND, Texas (AP)—George Clooney has joined astronauts Jim Lovell, Tom Stafford and Eugene "Gene" Cernan at a gala in Texas to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Apollo 13 mission. The event to mark last month's anniversary was held Tuesday night at an airport hangar in the Houston suburb of Sugar Land. The Apollo 13 mission was the third intended to land on the moon, but after it launched April 11, 1970, an oxygen tank exploded, crippling the spacecraft. The crew was forced to orbit the moon instead of landing and returned safely on April 17. Lovell commanded the mission. Clooney is a brand ambassador for Omega, which sponsored the event and outfitted the astronauts on the mission with watches.

NEW YORK (AP)—They starred together on "The X Files," but on Tuesday night David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson played like they were on "The X Factor."

"The X Files" stars sang together onstage in New York City, performing Neil Young's "Helpless" on the day Duchovny released his first album. The Golden Globe-winning actor sang lead while Anderson harmonized with his background

singers and band.

"Can we play some real music please?" Anderson joked, joining in when Duchovny and his band returned for an encore performance at The Cutting Room.

"Is there anything you're in the mood for perhaps?" the actor asked the actress, who replied, "Do you guys know 'Helpless?'"

Duchovny gave Anderson a light kiss on the lips after the

performance and whispered in her ear as she left the stage.

The musical collaboration comes ahead of the duo reprising their roles on "X Files" for a six-episode run airing on Fox this summer. The hit series lasted nine seasons after debuting in 1993.

Duchovny sang songs from his debut album, "Hell or Highwater," and was backed by a full band. The disc features 12 tracks he wrote.

Anderson wasn't the only co-star to join Duchovny onstage: Madeleine Martin, who played Duchovny's daughter on the Showtime series "Californication," sang the new album's title track with her TV dad.

The crowd at the intimate show was enthusiastic for the actor's 90-minute performance.

"I made the mistake of wearing a sweatshirt," he said of the warm room as fans whistled and yelled, "Take it off!"

Dr. Oz aids 2 people injured in New Jersey highway crash

WESTAMPTON, N.J. (AP)—Emergency responders say Dr. Mehmet Oz helped them out by treating two people injured in a weekend car crash on the New Jersey Turnpike.

The celebrity doctor saw the single-car crash happen Saturday night near Exit 6 along the turnpike. Officials say he stopped his vehicle and ran to help.

When a Westampton Township emergency services crew arrived, they were surprised to find Oz already providing aid.

They say he helped stabilize one person's spine and provided them with details about both victims' injuries and conditions upon their arrival.

"He was very helpful and very thorough, Oz

a lot of help to our crew," Westampton Chief Jason Carty said Tuesday. "It obviously was a surprise for them to get on scene and see a TV celebrity helping out the injured people."



Carty said the two people hurt in the crash were taken to a hospital where they were treated for minor injuries.

Oz's spokesman says there have been many instances

where the doctor has come to the aid of injured or ailing people. In 2013, Oz rushed to the scene when a taxi jumped the curb and struck a pedestrian near his TV studio

in New York City.

Oz was dubbed "America's doctor" by Oprah Winfrey, who launched his show in 2009. He has built a brand empire that also includes a magazine and best-selling books but has also drawn criticism from some doctors who accuse him of promoting "quack treatments" on his show.

Oz says the critics are spurred by his vocal support for labeling genetically modified foods—a stance he says some if not all of those accusers oppose.

Princess Mathilde's pink diamond sells for \$15.9 million

GENEVA (AP)—An 8.72-carat pink diamond ring believed part of a collection once owned by Princess Mathilde Bonaparte sold at auction Tuesday for \$15.9 million, according to Sotheby's Geneva.

The auction house said "The Historic Pink Diamond" only recently resurfaced after sitting in a bank vault since the 1940s. A buyer was not disclosed by Sotheby's.

The vibrant cushion-cut diamond is considered extremely rare. It was sold as part of the auction house's Magnificent Jewels and Noble Jewels sale.

The princess was the niece of Napoleon I and a relative of King George II and the tsar of Russia. She amassed a collection of pearls, diamonds and

other jewelry considered second only to the collection of Empress Eugenie, the wife of Napoleon III, Sotheby's said.

Mathilde died in 1904. The pink diamond was believed among her jewels auctioned in Paris in June 1904 and later acquired by William Andrews Clark Sr., a U.S. senator, industrialist and entrepreneur who died in 1925.

After his death, the stone passed to a daughter, Hugette Marcelle Clark, who died in 2011.

The diamond is also considered prized for its cut, a classic, non-modified version of the cushion, Sotheby's said.

The auction house considers the market for colored diamonds and other precious



A Sotheby's employee shows "the Historic Pink", a ring with a fancy vivid pink diamond weighing 8.72 carats and with a classic non-modified cushion cut during a preview at the Sotheby's auction house in Geneva, Switzerland, Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

gemstones strong and pink diamonds among the rarest. In

October, Sotheby's sold another pink diamond for \$17.8 million.

Words can't heal the pain family endures after rape

DEAR ABBY: What do you say when someone has been raped? I have a friend whose granddaughter was brutally raped and left for dead. I have asked a few questions about how she is doing and receive only cursory answers in response.

I know this incident has caused great sadness within this family. What do I say? What do I do? I am at a loss for words, and don't know how to help. Any advice you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

STYMIED IN ARIZONA

DEAR STYMIED: You have shown your concern by asking. It should be clear to you that your friend is not comfortable discussing the family tragedy in detail. Now drop the subject, because sometimes being at a loss for words is a GOOD thing. When your friend is comfortable talking about it, he/she will do it without prompting.

DEAR ABBY: This past week I read to the students at a local grammar school. I read to kindergarteners, second- and fourth-graders. The children were great, quiet and attentive. They asked insightful questions about the stories.

The teachers, on the other hand, were a disappointment. They dressed the way I dress when I work in the yard—jeans

and T-shirts. What an unprofessional image they presented to these youngsters! They missed a wonderful opportunity to be a positive example of women in the workforce by displaying a total disregard for their appearance or the impact they have on young minds.

SAD TO SEE IN NEVADA

DEAR SAD: I, too, remember when teachers dressed more formally in the classroom. But that was then and this is now. On the bright side, one would hope that teachers gain the respect and affection of their students less on how they look and more on the love of learning they are able to instill.

DEAR ABBY: I recently took two days off from work to stay home with a cold. When I returned to work, a co-worker started commenting on how I might be contagious. Then during our lunch break, she commented that she didn't want me to sit next to her "because she didn't want to get sick." I told her there were plenty of other seats if she preferred to sit elsewhere, and sarcastically thanked her for making me feel "welcomed."

She continues to bring it up and is now pushing everyone to use hand sanitizer and sanitize their work areas. I'm offended. I think it's rude. A couple of co-workers are now sick with similar symptoms. Is she being rude, or am I oversensitive? And how

DEAR ABBY

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should I respond?

OFFENDED IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR OFFENDED: Your co-worker isn't rude; she's a germaphobe and with good reason. If everyone was careful to use hand sanitizer and sanitize their workstations and shared surfaces—door knobs, light switches, lunchroom equipment—there would be fewer individuals taking sick days. In a case like this, you should stop being defensive. The best way to respond to the woman is not to respond at all.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order "How to Be Popular." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

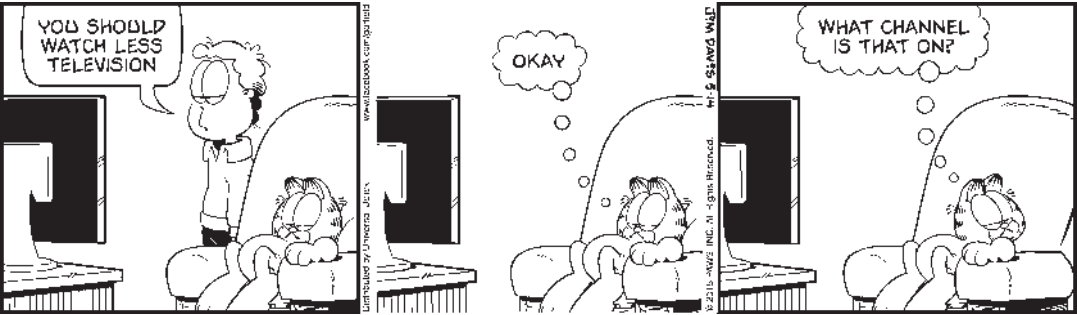
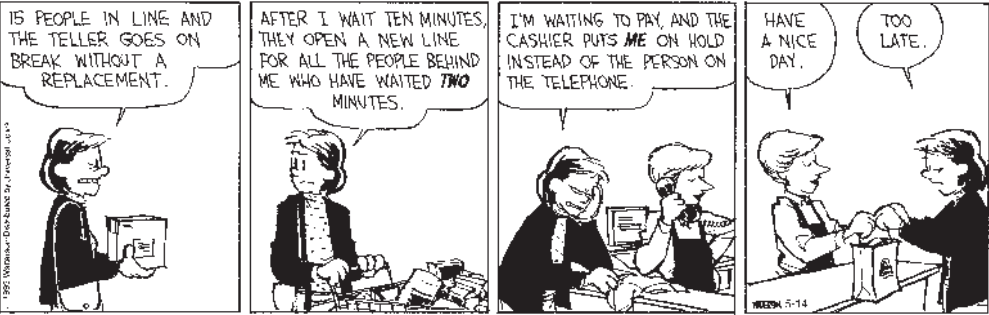
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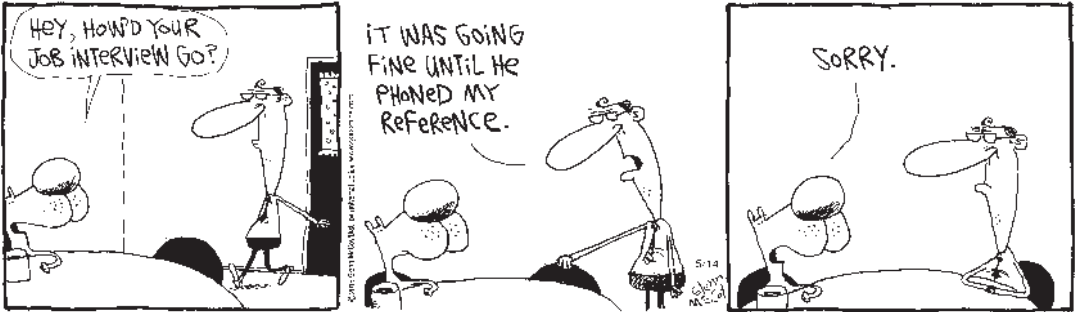
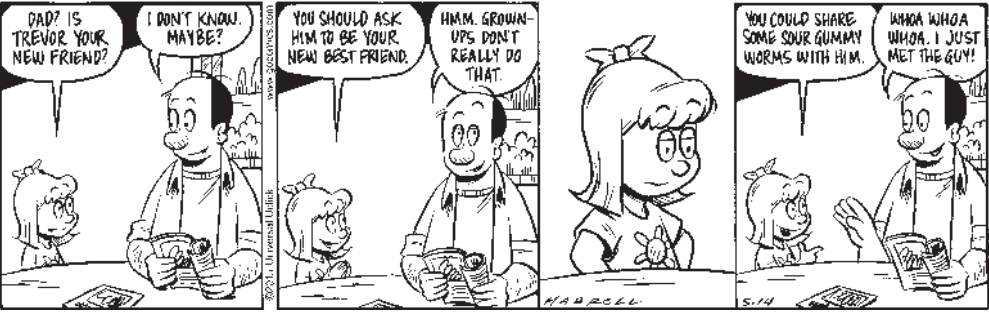


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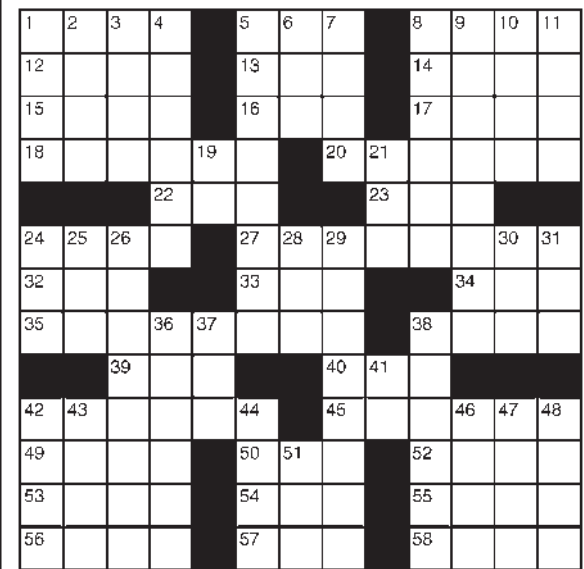
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Miranda Cosgrove, 22; Cate Blanchett, 46; Tim Roth, 54; George Lucas, 71.

Happy Birthday: Look for the route that will bring you happiness and good fortune. Get rid of the negative and focus on what is working for you. Share your ideas, listen to good advice and proceed with knowledge, wisdom and confidence. It's all in the way you approach people and your objectives that will make a difference. Your numbers are 4, 11, 17, 29, 34, 37, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your intuition will lead you in the right direction regarding personal matters. Don't let your emotions run wild or disrupt your plans. Give someone you love the benefit of the doubt. Focus on self-improvement, not on trying to change others. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be disappointed if you leave yourself open to criticism. Losses are likely if you trust someone else with your cash. Don't fold under pressure or provoke a problem with someone in an authoritative position. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Use your skills to do something to benefit a cause you believe in. Your actions will impress onlookers and discourage any competition you face. Don't hold back on negotiations. Present and sell what you have to offer. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will face confusion and emotional distress if you aren't accepting of the changes going on around you. Sit back and adjust to the inevitable and you will improve your chance to maintain your status and reputation. Hone your skills. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A go-getter attitude will make a difference. Your expertise, knowledge and ability to be a leader can be put to good use. The work you do to help others will pay off. Let your emotions and discipline lead the way. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Money matters will be questionable. Don't spend more than your budget allows. Emotional situations, settlements, contracts and medical issues must be dealt with carefully. Sit tight and observe what everyone around you is doing. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Acceptance will be crucial. You may not like the changes going on around you, but if you are willing to compromise, you will find a way to make them work for you. Don't let an incident or a misunderstanding lead to a parting of ways. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The energy around you is infectious. Discuss your plans with someone you trust and present what you have to offer. The response you get will lead to significant alterations that can be lucrative for you. Travel and romance are in the stars. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Improve your personal life by making positive changes to your home environment. Money can be made through investments, negotiations, a settlement or gift. Don't hold back—share your ideas and you will encourage others to pitch in and help. *****

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Listen carefully, but don't make an impulsive move based on hearsay. Focus on yourself and what you want to do in the future. Make arrangements to learn, train and master the skills you need to reach your goals. **

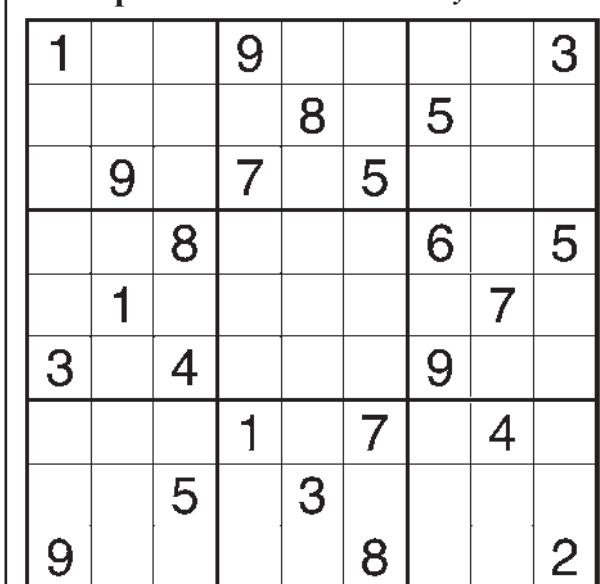
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Strive to get ahead. Send out your resume, set up an interview, start your own business or make self-improvements that will lead to greater confidence and success. Change will spark your enthusiasm and inspire you to move forward with your plans. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Insecurity will take over, causing problems for you when discussing your plans. Expect opposition from someone in an authoritative position. Stick close to home and work on self-improvements that will encourage you to have faith in your ability. ***

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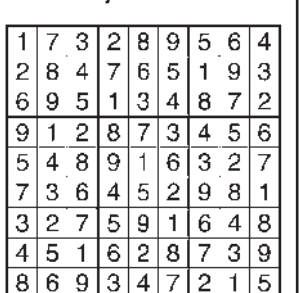
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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



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HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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LeBron scores 38, Cavs down Bulls in heated Game 5



CLEVELAND (AP)—With the “Big 3” reduced to the “Banged-Up 2,” LeBron James again showed why he’s Cleveland’s one and only.

James scored 38 points, Kyrie Irving added 25 and the Cavaliers held off Chicago’s charge in the fourth quarter for a 106-101 victory over the Bulls on Tuesday night to take a 3-2 lead in their testy Eastern Conference semifinal.

Showing no ill effects from a sprained left ankle, James added 12 rebounds, six assists, three steals, three blocks and didn’t have a turnover in 41 minutes to ensure the Cavs will again play at home this season. The four-time league MVP was locked in from the start, imposing his will on a game the Cavaliers had to have.

“I commend him for putting us on his back,” Irving said.

Cleveland can wrap up the best-of-seven series and advance to the conference finals for the first time since 2009 with a win in Game 6 on Thursday night back at United Center in Chicago, where the teams exchanged buzzer-beating victories last weekend.

The drama wasn’t quite as high in Game 54 but it was close and it was intense.

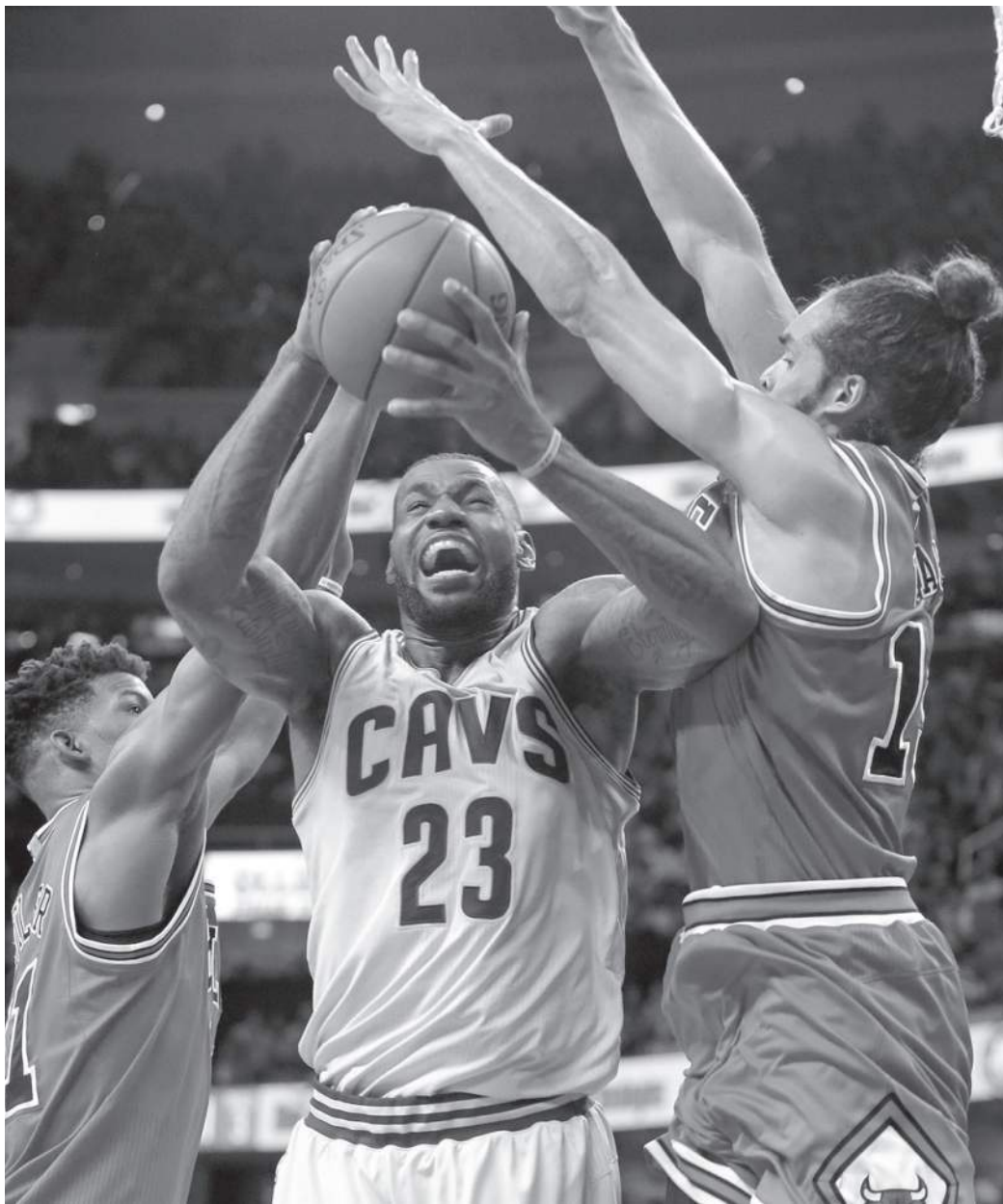
Jimmy Butler scored 29 and Mike Dunleavy 19 for Chicago. Derrick Rose scored 16, 12 in the first quarter, but the star guard shot just 2 of 15 in the final three quarters and aggravated a shoulder “stinger” he sustained in Game 1.

Fueled by an altercation that led to the ejection of Chicago’s Taj Gibson, the Cavs led 90-73 with 6:09 left and then had to hold off a furious comeback by the Bulls, who got within 101-99 on Butler’s 3-pointer with 1:18 left.

Cleveland, though, got a huge offensive rebound by Iman Shumpert before Irving, playing with surprising speed and agility on a sprained right foot and sore left knee, made four free throws in the final 17 seconds.

James, though, was the difference—as usual. After a few un-LeBron-like performances in which he was sloppy with the ball, James had his first error-free game this season.

“Yay!” he joked, feigning surprise. “No turnovers! That was the first stat I was looking



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) is double-teamed by Chicago Bulls guard Jimmy Butler (21) and center Joakim Noah (13) during the second half of Game 5 in a second-round NBA basketball playoff series Tuesday, May 12, 2015, in Cleveland.

at after the game. I was trying to be efficient for my teammates and I was very efficient.”

The Bulls were missing big man Pau Gasol, who sat out his second straight game with a strained left hamstring and didn’t sound confident before Game 5 that he’d be ready by Thursday.

They also played the final 10:25 without Gibson, ejected for kicking Cavs guard Matthew Dellavedova. Gibson shoved Dellavedova to the floor and then kicked the scrappy backup, who angered the Bulls forward by clamping his legs around Gibson’s. Players on both teams exchanged shoves and pushes before the officials got things under control.

Gibson could be facing further discipline from the league, and Dellavedova, too, might get slapped for his role.

“I was surprised (to be

ejected),” Gibson said. “I really just tried to release my foot because as soon as I got up off the ground, I just felt somebody tugging on my leg.”

James was on the bench for the fracas and made sure none of his teammates went on the floor. James called Dellavedova “the toughest guy on our team” and promised the Cavs won’t tolerate any rough stuff.

“We just want to play ball,” he said. “But we’ll protect our brothers.”

The Cavs were sparked by the incident and opened a 90-73 lead before the Bulls came charging back. Dunleavy scored six points in an 11-0 run that got Chicago back in it before the Cavs gained their composure and closed it out.

“I love the way that we fought back,” Rose said. “I thought we had a crack at it, we just didn’t

execute right.”

James, who came in shooting just 38 percent in the series, didn’t show the slightest signs of being slowed by the sprain he sustained late in Game 4. He ran the floor with abandon, posted up whenever possible and seemed intent on taking care of the Bulls by himself.

He scored Cleveland’s first 12 points of the second quarter. James finished one drive by powering through Nikola Mirotic, who couldn’t stop the 250-pound, wine-and-gold-clad truck. After the basket, James glanced at his biceps and then brushed his arm as if flicking off a bug.

“We were slow. He was quicker,” Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau said.

Rockets 124, Clippers 103

In Houston, James Harden re-

ceived an IV Tuesday afternoon, his answers to postgame questions were peppered with coughs and he sniffled repeatedly between queries.

Harden clearly wasn’t feeling well. But faced with elimination in the Western Conference semifinals, Houston’s bearded superstar shook off his illness and had a triple-double in perhaps his best playoff performance to keep the Rockets alive.

Harden had 26 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists, Dwight Howard added 20 points and 15 rebounds, and the Rockets bounced back from two lopsided losses with a 124-103 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

“I’m all right,” Harden said when asked about his health. “We won, so that’s all that matters.”

The Rockets hadn’t lost three straight all season, and with their season on the line they ended their skid to send it back to Los Angeles for Game 6 on Thursday night.

Houston used a 36-point second quarter to take a commanding lead and withstood a third-quarter surge by Los Angeles to lead by 14 entering the fourth.

Blake Griffin had 30 points and 16 rebounds, and Chris Paul added 22 points and 10 assists for the Clippers.

“They were more focused,” Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. “They played like they were the desperate team and we didn’t play very desperate.”

Harden made a 3-pointer with about two minutes to play to make it 121-100 and coach Kevin McHale cleared the bench. Harden’s triple-double was Houston’s first in the postseason since Steve Francis in 2004.

Howard was impressed with Harden’s ability to play so well when he was under the weather.

“This is win or go home and I’m pretty sure he wants this as bad as we all do and he showed that tonight,” Howard said.

Trevor Ariza added 22 points for Houston and Corey Brewer had 15.

McHale toyed with the starting lineup after losses by 25 and 33 points, inserting Josh Smith in place of Terrence Jones. Smith finished with nine points and seven rebounds, while Jones provided a spark off the bench with 12 points.

“I just wanted to shake things up a bit and ... see if we could

get more ball movement,” McHale said.

Houston was up by 14 with nine minutes left when Smith scored five quick points, capped by a 3-pointer, to make it 99-80. Smith, who joined the Rockets after being released by the Pistons, held out three fingers on each hand before beating his chest as fans rose to their feet.

Howard managed just seven points and six rebounds in Game 4 after getting into early foul trouble. He had no such problems on Tuesday night and had eclipsed his numbers in that game in the first quarter. His work helped Houston outscore Los Angeles 64-46 in the paint.

The Clippers had cut the lead from 22 points to 13 late in the third quarter when Houston started intentionally fouling DeAndre Jordan. They did it twice and he missed three of four before the Clippers returned the favor on Howard.

The Hack-A-Shaq stretch wasn’t anywhere close to what it was in the last game when the Rockets did it time after time, giving Jordan 34 free throw attempts. He made just 14 of them on Sunday. Both teams also did it some in the fourth quarter on Tuesday, with Houston fouling Jordan and the Clippers doing it to Howard, Smith and Brewer.

Four quick points by Howard gave the Rockets a 22-point lead with about seven minutes left in the third quarter. Jordan got his fourth foul soon after that, but coach Doc Rivers kept him on the floor. The Clippers got going after that, using a 13-4 spurt to cut it to 83-70 with three minutes remaining in the third. Griffin took over for Los Angeles in that span, scoring nine points.

Ariza led Houston early in the third quarter, scoring eight points in a 12-7 run that pushed the lead to 75-55.

Los Angeles got within 2 with 3 1/2 minutes left in the first half when Hawes hit a 3-pointer as the shot clock expired. But Houston scored the next nine points to extend the lead to 57-46. Griffin made a layup before the Rockets scored the last six points of the second quarter to make it 63-48 at halftime.

The Rockets led 27-22 at the end of the first quarter after getting nine points and eight rebounds from Howard.

New Orleans Pelicans fire head coach Monty Williams

METAIRIE, La. (AP)—The New Orleans Pelicans fired head coach Monty Williams on Tuesday, parting ways with a coach who has a strong relationship with the franchise’s marquee player, Anthony Davis.

General manager Dell Demps, who’ll lead the search for a new coach, said he informed Davis of the decision in a one-on-one meeting after the move was made. When asked about Davis’ reaction, Demps

said, “That’ll stay between us.”

Davis, already a two-time All-Star at age 22, is entering the final year of his contract before he becomes a restricted free agent. He can sign an extension as early as July, but also could choose to wait until next offseason.

Basketball fans in New Orleans have seen one superstar—guard Chris Paul—become alienated by the handling of a coaching change. That was the firing of Byron Scott early in the

2009-10 season, when the team was under different ownership and management.

Paul wound up being traded to the Los Angeles Clippers before the 2011-12 season after making it clear he would not sign an extension with New Orleans.

Time will tell if Davis reacts similarly over the departure of Williams, who also has coached the Pelicans’ power forward as an assistant on Team USA.

A day after the Pelicans were eliminated from the first round of the playoffs by top-seeded Golden State, Davis called Williams “a great coach,” adding, “The whole team loves him.”

Demps said Davis’ relationship with Williams was considered by ownership and management, “and obviously we still made the decision.”

The change came only weeks after owner Tom Benson congratulated Williams and the en-

tire basketball operations staff for “a job well done” following a season in which New Orleans qualified for its first playoff berth since 2011.

“Monty did a great job. He’s done some really good things for us, but going forward we just felt like we needed something different to get to the next level,” Pelicans executive vice president Mickey Loomis said.

Williams has an overall record of 173-221, with two play-

off appearances since landing his first heading coaching job with the Pelicans in 2010.

His first postseason appearance—a first-round loss to the Los Angeles Lakers—came with Paul on the roster.

Williams then shepherded the franchise through a rebuilding period that included a prolonged period of uncertainty during which the NBA temporarily purchased the club from founder George Shinn in December 2010 before selling in April 2012 to Benson, who also owns the NFL’s Saints.

Lynn, Holliday lead Cardinals past Indians, 8-3



CLEVELAND (AP) — Lance Lynn

pitched six scoreless innings and Matt Holliday had four RBIs, including a three-run homer, to lead the St. Louis Cardinals past the Cleveland Indians 8-3 on Tuesday night.

Lynn (2-3) held Cleveland to four hits and struck out nine. He received plenty of help from his offense, which scored all of its runs with two outs.

Holliday, who has reached base safely in each of his 30 games, had an RBI single in the fifth inning and put the game away in the eighth with his three-run blast off Scott Atchison.

Cardinals third baseman Matt Carpenter, returning after missing three games because of fatigue, was 2 for 5, including an RBI single.

Carlos Carrasco (4-3) allowed four runs in 6 2-3 innings as the Indians failed again to win consecutive games. Cleveland has won two straight once, the second and third games of the season.

Dodgers 11, Marlins 1

In Los Angeles, Andre Ethier went 5 for 5 with a homer and three RBIs, and Los Angeles easily overcame a mammoth home run by Giancarlo Stanton that left the stadium to beat Miami for a fifth straight victory.

Howie Kendrick had four hits and also went deep as the Dodgers roughed up recent teammate Dan Haren in his return to Los Angeles. The two-time defending NL West champions (22-10) pounded out a season-high 21 hits and improved to 15-2 at home.

Every starting position player for the Dodgers had a hit by the sixth inning.

Just recalled from the minors, Mike Bolsinger (1-0) pitched 5 2-3 effective innings for the win. He allowed five hits and one run.

Royals 7, Rangers 6, 10 innings

In Arlington, Texas, Alex Gordon homered on the first pitch of the 10th inning and Kansas City beat Texas.

Gordon greeted reliever Stolmy Pimentel (0-1) by pulling a ball into the seats down the right-field line.

Eric Hosmer and Mike Moustakas also homered for the AL Central leaders, who had gone ahead on an RBI groundout by Lorenzo Cain in the ninth. Adrian Beltre's two-out RBI single in the bottom half tied the game again.

After Greg Holland (1-0) took over in the ninth and blew his first save in seven chances this year, the right-hander returned to throw a perfect 10th. It was his first outing this season that lasted more than one inning.

Tigers 2, Twins 1, 10 innings

In Detroit, Ian Kinsler's RBI single in the bottom of the 10th



St. Louis Cardinals Matt Holliday, center, is congratulated by teammates Jhonny Peralta (27) and Matt Carpenter after hitting a solo home run during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, in Cleveland.

inning lifted Detroit to victory.

Anthony Gose hit a one-out double off Ryan Pressly (1-1), and Kinsler followed with a flare that dropped into shallow center field.

Angel Nesbitt (1-1) pitched the 10th for his first career win.

J.D. Martinez homered for the Tigers in the fourth inning, and Minnesota tied it in the eighth on a sacrifice fly by Torii Hunter.

Alfredo Simon allowed a run and six hits in 7 2-3 innings for the Tigers. He struck out six and walked one.

Minnesota's Kyle Gibson was impressive as well, allowing a run and five hits in seven innings. He struck out six.

Rays 4, Yankees 2

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Evan Longoria hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly during a two-run eighth inning and Tampa Bay rallied late to beat New York.

Kevin Kiermaier drew a one-out walk in the eighth from Nathan Eovaldi (3-1) and went to third on Steven Souza Jr.'s single. Dellin Betances entered and gave up Longoria's sac fly. Souza scored on Betances' wild pitch to make it 4-2.

Tampa Bay tied it at 2 on David DeJesus' two-run single in the seventh.

Kevin Jepsen (1-2) pitched a scoreless eighth before Brad Boxberger got the final three outs for his ninth save.

The Yankees loaded the bases with no outs in the first, but scored just twice on consecutive RBI singles by Brian McCann and Carlos Beltran off Chris Archer.

Eovaldi gave up four runs and six hits over 7 1-3 innings.

Cubs 6, Mets 1

In Chicago, Jake Arrieta pitched eight sparkling innings,

Kris Bryant homered for the second straight day and Chicago spoiled Noah Syndergaard's anticipated debut.

Arrieta (4-3) had a season-high 10 strikeouts and allowed one run and three hits. The right-hander had dropped each his last two starts.

Bryant had three hits, including his first major league triple. The rookie star hit a leadoff shot against Hansel Robles in the eighth, sending a towering shot to the back of the bleachers in left.

Diamondbacks 14, Nationals 6

In Phoenix, Mark Trumbo homered twice to drive in four runs, Stephen Strasburg had one of the worst starts of his career and Arizona emphatically snapped Washington's five-game winning streak.

Beaten by the Nationals 11-1 in the series opener Monday, the Diamondbacks turned the tables.

Bryce Harper hit his seventh home run in the last six games game, a two-run shot. But not much else went right for Washington. The 14 runs were the most allowed by the Nationals since they moved to Washington in 2005 and were one shy of the most given up when they were the Montreal Expos.

Trumbo's mammoth three-run homer into the second deck in left field ended Strasburg's night with one out in the fourth inning.

Blue Jays 10, Orioles 2

In Baltimore, Edwin Encarnacion homered twice and drove in three runs, Mark Buehrle threw six innings of four-hit ball and Toronto defeated Baltimore.

Encarnacion tied the game with a solo shot in the sixth inning and capped a four-run

seventh with a drive off Tommy Hunter. It was his 19th career two-homer game and second this season—both against Baltimore.

Josh Donaldson also homered and Ryan Goins had three hits for the Blue Jays, who scored the game's final 10 runs.

Buehrle (5-2) gave up two runs in beating the Orioles for the third time this season. The left-hander is 3-0 with a 3.50 ERA against Baltimore and 2-2 with a 9.00 ERA against everyone else.

Giants 8, Astros 1

In Houston, Chris Heston's first career complete game was a two-hitter and he struck out 10 as San Francisco won for the third time in four games.

Matt Duffy had three hits and drove in five runs for the Giants. It was the most RBIs by a Giants rookie since Buster Posey had six July 7, 2010, at Milwaukee.

Heston (3-3), a rookie right-hander who retired the last 22 batters, has allowed two runs or fewer in five of his seven starts this season.

Duffy, had a 3-run double in the second inning and added a 2-run single as part of a 5-run fifth. Angel Pagan had three hits for San Francisco, which had a season-high with the eight runs.

Athletics 9, Red Sox 2

In Oakland, Josh Reddick had four hits with a homer and three RBIs and Stephen Vogt also homered to help Oakland snap a six-game losing streak.

Marcus Semien homered and Eric Sogard drove in three runs to help the A's snap their longest losing streak since the 2012 season.

Drew Pomeranz (2-3) faced the minimum 15 bat-

ters through five innings and matched the longest outing of his career. He allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings to win for the first time since his opening start of the season April 10 against Seattle.

Justin Masterson (2-2) failed to make it out of the third inning in his own personal house of horrors. He allowed six runs and six hits in 2 1-3 innings and fell to 0-6 with a 7.26 ERA in eight appearances at the Coliseum.

Mariners 11, Padres 4

In Seattle, Nelson Cruz hit his league-leading 15th home run, Mike Zunino homered twice, and Seattle hit a season-high six home runs in a rout of San Diego.

Cruz's homer came in the eighth inning off San Diego reliever Frank Garcés, who had already given up homers to Zunino and Justin Ruggiano an inning earlier. The six homers were tied for the most ever hit by the Mariners in their home park, the last coming in 2004 against Kansas City.

Zunino hit a 439-foot solo shot leading off the sixth inning then added a two-run homer in the seventh. Zunino began the night hitting .159, but finished with three hits—his first three-hit game of the season—and the second multi-homer game of his career.

Seattle starter James Paxton (1-2) threw six shutout innings for his first victory, as the Mariners won their fourth straight.

Angels 5, Rockies 2

In Anaheim, Calif., Albert Pujols stole second base and scored the tiebreaking run on Johnny Giavotella's single in the eighth inning as Los Angeles sent Colorado to a 10th consecutive defeat.

Matt Joyce drove in three runs and had a two-run double in the eighth for the Angels, who have won five of seven.

C.J. Wilson (2-2) pitched eight innings of five-hit ball for the Angels, striking out six and walking one to end his five start winless streak. Huston Street pitched the ninth for his 11th save.

Corey Dickerson had an RBI double for the Rockies, who have lost 16 of 20 since their 7-2 start.

Pujols snapped his 0-for-13 skid with an eighth-inning lead-off single against Rafael Betancourt (0-1).

Reds 4, Braves 3

In Cincinnati, Devin Mesoraco doubled home the winning run with one out in the ninth, sending Cincinnati to a victory over slumping Atlanta.

The Reds snapped a three-game losing streak with a late comeback.

The Braves let a 3-2 lead slip away in the seventh with the help of Mike Foltyniewicz's throwing error, and wound up losing for the fourth time in five games.

Pirates 7, Phillies 2

In Philadelphia, A.J. Burnett pitched seven strong innings in his return to Philadelphia, Andrew McCutchen homered and Pittsburgh won for the fourth straight time.

Burnett (2-1) gave up two runs, one earned, and six hits. The 38-year-old right-hander led the majors with 18 losses for the Phillies last year, and then declined a \$12.75 million player option to pitch in Philadelphia this season, opting for a one-year, \$8.5 million deal with the Pirates.

Josh Harrison broke out of a 2-for-27 slump that landed him on the bench Monday, connecting for a three-run shot against Sean O'Sullivan (0-2) in the fourth.

White Sox 4, Brewers 2

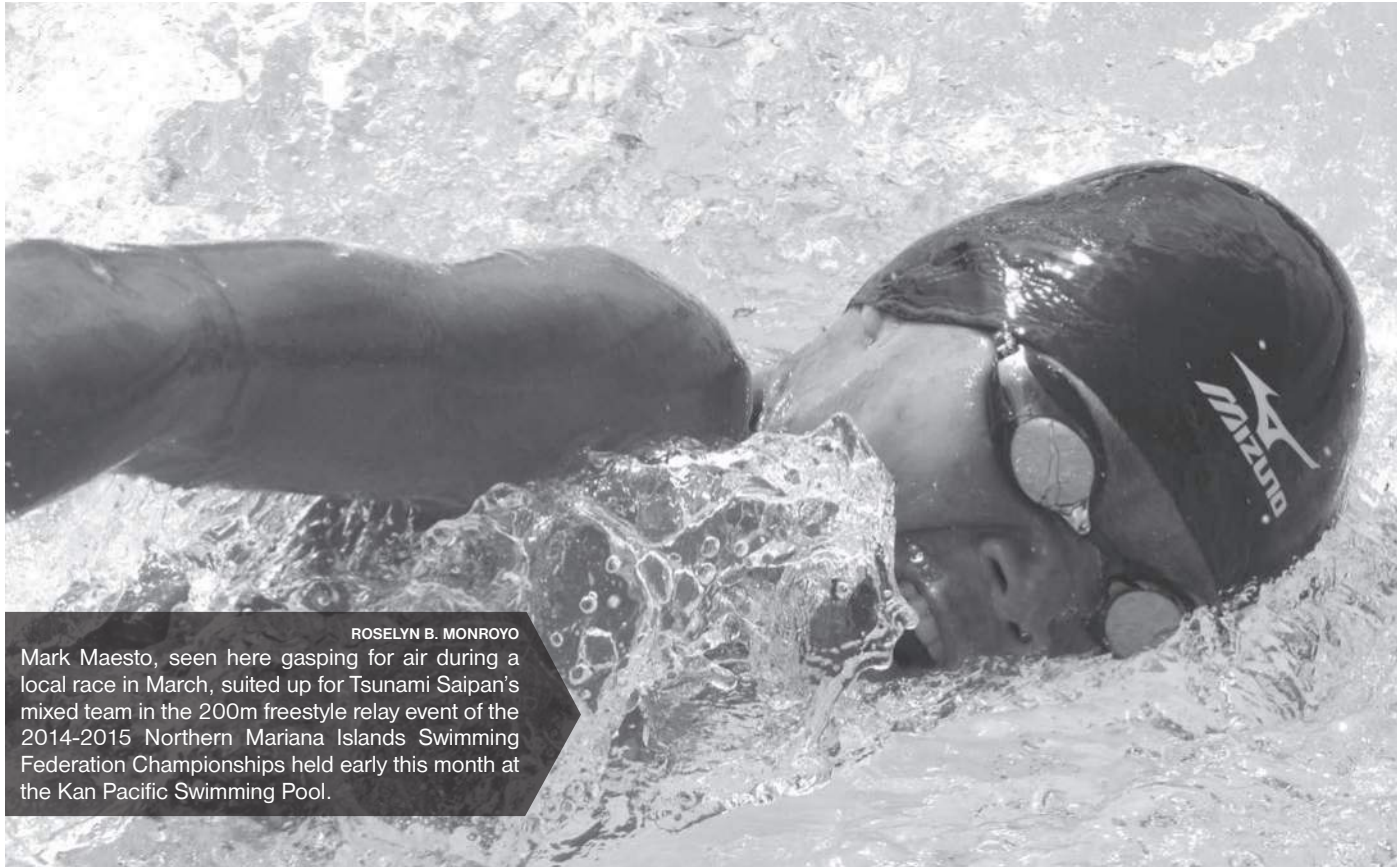
In Milwaukee, Chris Sale struck out 11 in eight solid innings in his return from suspension to lift Chicago to a victory over Milwaukee.

Chicago ended a seven-game road losing streak despite another modest offensive effort. It didn't matter with Sale (3-1) on the mound, as the lanky left-hander made every run count before David Robertson converted his sixth save to end it.

Milwaukee's Elian Herrera homered for the third straight day, but Brewers reliever Michael Blazek (3-1) faltered late.

Sale looked nothing like the pitcher who'd given up 13 runs over his previous two starts against Minnesota and Detroit in returning from a five-game suspension for his role in an April 23 brawl with Kansas City.

Relay swims cap NMISF meet



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Mark Maesto, seen here gasping for air during a local race in March, suited up for Tsunami Saipan's mixed team in the 200m freestyle relay event of the 2014-2015 Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation Championships held early this month at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

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Relay races concluded action in the 2014-2015 Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation Championships held early this month at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

The 200m freestyle relays, which featured 12 teams, were not included on NMISF's official regulated events, but participants still went all out and some managed to beat their respective seed times.

In the girls U8 division, the quartet of Tsunami Saipan swimmers Maria Batallones, Shoko Litulumar, Seiful Hong, and Ashley Dangol clocked in at 3:22.92, more than seven seconds faster than their seed time of 3:30.00.

In the girls 9 to 10, Tsunami Saipan had two teams with the foursome of Kana and Nanaka Suzuki, Asaka Litulumar, and Risa Sekiguchi submitting 3:03.93 to beat the 3:19.24 of Natsuka Nagata, Jewel Combinido, Ayumi Oligacion, and Shaunalyn Babauta.

The two other girls relay races also featured Tsunami Saipan

bets. Girls 11 to 12's Sophia Gauran, Aika Watanabe, Rei Sekiguchi, and Hannal Lacal timed in at 2:35.93, while in the over 17's Angel De Jesus, Kyona and Daime Rivera, and Miku Tammy combined for 2:19.49 to eclipse their seed time of 2:25.00.

Tsunami Saipan's boys U8 relay team also crushed their seed time (3:30.00) as Aasish Dangol, Hans Xu, Isaiah Aleksenko, and Manuel Babata registered 3:13.26.

In the boys 9 to 10, Saipan Swim Club's Rintaro Miyawaki, Leo Takahashi, Innosuke Suzuki, and Cory Lee capped the race in 2:34.70, way ahead

of the 3:25.65 of Tsunami Saipan's Arman Rechucher, Rentaro Suzuki, Kenta Tomie, and Sean Gil.

In the boys 11 to 12, it was Tsunami Saipan's turn to place first as Ryuto Yanai, Junh Tenorio, Nelson Battalones, and Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero recorded 2:17.32, which was better than their seed time of 2:25.00. The Tsunami quarter won over the SSC foursome of Lenozuke Suzuki, Rinto Takahashi, Taiga

Sato, and Akira Kadokura, who combined for 2:23.54.

Akira's younger brother Wataru also swam in the relay, teaming up with Julie Anne and Andrei Kaith Lynn Chavez and Dino Sato in the mixed U8 division for the first time and completing the race in 3:52.53. In the other 200m freestyle relay for mixed team, Tsunami Saipan's Kaito Yanai, Mark Maestro, Kathrine Illahi, and Ailynn Galvan clocked in at 2:36.70.

Four, Team X8, DYS lead co-ed indoor v-ball league

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Four, Team X8, and the Division of Youth Services won their respective first two matches in the Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association Coed Indoor Tournament, which opened last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The tournament is NMIVA's fundraising event for the men's and women's teams that will be competing in the 2015 Pacific Games in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea from July 4 to 18 at the Sir John Guise Sports Complex at the capital's Wards strip.

Four only needed two sets in dispatching Aztig last Friday and Just4Fun on Monday night in the first NMIVA-organized indoor tournament in years. They capitalized on Aztig's errors and survived their opponent's late comeback bid in securing a 25-19, 25-20 win.

Four followed that up with a 25-11, 28-26 decision against Just4Fun last Monday night.

They easily won the opening set but their end-game savvy was tested in the next frame after their opponent's forced them to a nail-biting finish.

Team X8 and DYS also scored back-to-back wins in contrasting fashions to join Four on top of the leaderboard.

Team X8 hardly broke a sweat in a more than 30-minute match against Managaha Unknowns, 25-10, 25-15, last Friday then swept a hard-fighting Set2Kill, 25-22, 25-18, on Monday night.

DYS, on the other hand, pulled off a two-set decision against Set2Kill on May 8, 25-7, 25-19, then were pushed to the limit by Aztig, 25-15, 23-25, 15-13, last Monday.

In the other Monday night game, the Managaha Unknowns overcame a first set loss to escape with a 23-25, 30-29, 15-13 triumph over Power Express for an even 1-1 record. Managaha lost to Team X8.

Aztig and Set2Kill are winless. Games resume on Friday night at the Ada Gym.

Andrew Johnson and Clay McCullough-Stearns make up the men's team for the Pacific Games, while the women's side will have Charnessa "Chenny" Lizama Tonini Kasilyn Yamada. They will be coached by Darcy Wylie and Codie Sayles.

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deficit with barely four minutes gone in the third, went on a 17-4 run to take a 61-48 spread with less than two minutes left in the third.

But Joeten went on a closing 7-2 spurt to trim PSS' lead to single digits entering the final period.

It was an all Joeten show in the fourth as they outscored PSS, 24-11, to advance to the semis match against Fiesta.

Y.J. Nakayama backed up Kwon with 16 points while

Alex Lauron added 14 markers. Veterans Rocyl Ritual, Steve Rasa, and Ferdie Tobias combined for 17 points.

Preston Basa finished with 27 points but went gun shy in the fourth period, while Maverick Itibus was the other PSS player to score in twin digits with 12. Joe Villacrusis and Jacoby Winkfield ended up with 8 markers apiece.

First Game

PIC 89 — Demapan 28, Barbo 13, Aranda 12, Hambros 12, Dela Rosa 10, Abuy 8, Rabasto 5.

Fiesta 77 — Esdrelon 17, Nonato 15, Pagarao 15, Duenas 11, Matsutaro 10, Maratita 5, Macoto 4.

Scoring quarters: 30-20, 51-39, 71-60, 89-77.

Second Game

Joeten 79 — Kwon 24, Nakayama 16, Lauron 14, Ritual 7, Rasa 5, Tobias 5, Sablan 4, Sambile 2.

PSS 74 — Basa 27, Itibus 12, Villacrusis 8, Winkfield 8, Diaz 5, Lose 4, Cabrera 2, Caro 2, Coldeen 2, Tenorio 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-16, 44-38, 55-63, 79-74.

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were hard-earned ones, especially against the Allen Yu-led Eucon.

"Every game has its own story to tell so I was not really expecting them to win all," the MCS mentor added.

San Nicolas also said every game, he reiterated to his boys how important it is to follow instructions, run the plays they worked on practice, and help each other.

The execution and teamwork San Nicolas wanted were evident in the Knights' second half

domination of Eucon in the finals.

The Knights turned a precarious 25-24 lead early in the third quarter to a 39-28 advantage and extended the lead to as much as 15 in the fourth with William Camacho and Markel Toves alternately anchoring the team's offense. Mt. Carmel's 1-2 punch scored most of their baskets off layups, as they drove Eucon's tall defenders away from the paint and used their quickness to get easy shots. The rest of the Knights players provided screens for their scorers and on defense teamed up in neutralizing Yu. Yu still finished

with 33 markers, but he had to bleed for his points as three and sometimes four MCS defenders ganged up on him.

Meanwhile, the title win is a fitting send-off gift to Camacho, Tony Son, A.J. Evangelista, Kenji Yamagata, and Min Su Kim, who are graduating this year.

With these five players gone for Mt. Carmel's title defense next season, San Nicolas hopes he could find promising new recruits and improve the skills of the team's holdovers.

"We will develop new players next season and see what happens," he said.

Reyes is NMSA Female Athlete of the Month

Shirley's Badminton Club member Vilma Reyes was named the Northern Marianas Sports Association April Female Athlete of the Month after the group's monthly meeting last week, May 7.



Reyes

Reyes, playing for almost a year now, showed tremendous improvement after claiming two C division titles in last month's Palace Singles and Doubles Competition 2015.

The Eucon teacher won the singles crown via walkover over Taga Badminton Club's Irish

Pagarao then joined hands with Baby Banadera to win the doubles trophy.

She defeated Taga's Lani Santos, 21-11, 21-11, in the semifinals while Pagarao earned the second finals berth after a 21-14, 22-20 decision over Lazaro, also of TBC.

Reyes then teamed up with Shirley's teammate Banadera in posting a 21-15, 21-11 win over the Taga pair of Santos and Gigi Zapanta, 21-15, 21-11. (NMSA)

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dent Filbert (Alquiros) are doing a lot of great things to build professional football and youth development here in the Philippines. They have had success as a club and I'm looking forward to helping bring another championship to the team. They have put together a great team with real quality from front to back," Noetzel said.

Nierres, who led the Stallion FC to the UFL Cup championship in 2012 and the UFL Division 1 title in 2013, said Noetzel is a great addition to the team.

"We expect him to improve the quality of our goalkeepers, as well contribute as an active

goalkeeper himself. We will also start a goalkeeper academy with him," Nierres said.

While Noetzel is already suiting up for Stallion FC, Del Rosario won't be joining his new teammates until graduation later this month. After his brief stint with Stallion FC, Del Rosario will then head to the U.S. to play for Alderson Broadbudd University in NCAA Division II.

"It's a great opportunity to be able to train with some of the great players from the Philippines, like Azkals' rightback Simone Rota. While there, I will do my best to learn as many technical and tactical skills as I can absorb to prepare myself for college soccer, the Mt. Carmel School senior said.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	21	13	.618	—
Tampa Bay	18	16	.529	3
Toronto	17	17	.500	4
Boston	15	18	.455	5½
Baltimore	14	17	.452	5½

Central Division

Kansas City	21	12	.636	—
Detroit	20	13	.606	1
Minnesota	18	15	.545	3
Chicago	13	17	.433	6½
Cleveland	11	20	.355	9

West Division

Houston	20	13	.606	—
Los Angeles	16	17	.485	4
Seattle	15	17	.469	4½
Texas	14	19	.424	6
Oakland	13	22	.371	8

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	20	13	.606	—
Washington	18	16	.529	2½
Atlanta	15	18	.455	5
Miami	15	19	.441	5½
Philadelphia	11	23	.324	9½

Central Division

St. Louis	23	9	.719	—
Chicago	17	15	.531	6
Pittsburgh	17	16	.515	6½
Cincinnati	16	17	.485	7½
Milwaukee	12	22	.353	12

West Division

Los Angeles	22	10	.688	—
San Francisco	17	16	.515	5½
San Diego	17	17	.500	6
Arizona	15	17	.469	7
Colorado	11	18	.379	9½

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Saipan Little League Majors Awards Ceremony

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The Taalabwogh Little Falcons are the runner-up pennant champions and placed third after beating the Docomo Ol'Aces in the consolation match. The division held its awards ceremony last Saturday at the Miguel Tan Ge Basa Pangelinan ballfield.



The Bank of Saipan Red Sox are this season's overall champions and finished third after the regular season.



Aven Evangelista of the Little Falcons scored the most runs this season with 33.



The Natibu Sports Association Braves won the pennant and the runner-up after losing to the Red Sox in the finals.



Devon Pangelinan had nine doubles in the regular season.



Reid Teregeyo of the Comets receives the fourth place trophy.



Vicente Camacho II, left, and his proud mom Ellen Santos.



Zachary Camacho was named the finals most valuable player after tossing two innings in relief where he limited the Braves to one hit on two unearned runs with five strikeouts and two walks.



Little Padres manager Joe Flores accepts the sportsmanship award.



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PIC enters finals; Joeten ousts PSS

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Pacific Islands Club clinched the first finals berth while Joeten Enterprises lived to fight another day as the Inter-Commercial Business Basketball League enters the last two playdates of the 2015 season.

PIC played like a well-oiled machine in completing an 89-77 shellacking of Fiesta Resort & Spa, while Joeten needed a fourth-quarter comeback to eliminate Public School System, 79-74, in last Tuesday night's games at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

PIC proved to have too much firepower for Fiesta as the Clubmates, behind Bartley Demapan's game-long brilliance, sealed its 11th straight win dating back from an elimination round sweep.

Demapan played like a man possessed for PIC scoring 12 points in the first quarter to help



JON PEREZ
Joeten's Ferdie Tobias slips past three Public School System defenders to complete his shot in their game in the Inter-Commercial Business Basketball League last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



his team erect a 30-20 lead. PIC never slowed down after that and outran Fiesta the entire game to protect a double-digit lead until the final buzzer.

Demapan finished with a game-high 28 points, while Darwin Barbo added 13 more. Jack Aranda and the burly Ham Hambros tallied 12 markers each, while Eric Dela Rosa scattered 10.

PIC now waits for the winner of today's Fiesta-Joeten knockout semifinals match at 6:30pm for its finals opponent on Tuesday. The one-game championship game is also set at 6:30pm.

In the second game, Joeten completed a fourth-quarter fight-back to give PSS an early vacation.

Dixon Kwon, held scoreless in the second quarter, made 10 of his team-high 24 points in the final period to help Joeten come back from several double-digit deficits in the third canto.

PSS, starting at a slim 48-44

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Noetzel, Del Rosario make Stallion FC roster

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Noetzel



Del Rosario

Former Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Johann Noetzel and MP United's Enrico Del Rosario made it to the official roster of the Stallion Gilligan's FC in the UFL Cup 2015 in the Philippines.

Noetzel is one of the goalkeepers for Stallion FC, while Del Rosario joins the club's collection of defenders. Stallion FC is currently in second place in Group C of the 20-team UFL Cup, winning its debut against Mendiola FC, 4-1, before forcing a 1-1 draw against the Phil Younghusbanded Loyola. JP Voltes and University of Sto. Tomas complete the group.

"I'm very excited to have signed as player and goalkeeper coach here," said Noetzel, who debuted for Stallion FC last May 3, holding Mendiola scoreless in the first half before giving up one goal in the second.

"It is a great team and coach Ernie (Nierras) and team presi-

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Mt. Carmel satisfies hunger for title

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Mt. Carmel School waited for seven long seasons to savor anew the sweet taste of victory.

The Knights ended the title drought in the boys high school division of the Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association on Saipan Basketball League last week following a 55-46 victory against dethroned champion Eucon International School. Mt. Carmel went on to finish the 2015 season with a flawless record in 10 games and got its first championship since 2008.

The Knights defeated perennial rival Grace Christian Academy in the 2008 finale, 64-54, but after that title conquest, they settled for bridesmaid finishes from 2010 to 2013, losing to the Eagles for four straight seasons.

Saipan International School topped the 2009 tournament, while Eucon prevailed in 2014, foiling GCA's bid for a fifth consecutive crown.

The Eagles beat the Knights in the semifinals last year, 57-50, extending Mt. Carmel's miseries before the latter finally showed grit and determination this season to get back on top, according to coach Francis San Nicolas.

"We all can play, but the question is who wants it more. It's about determination," said San Nicolas when asked how he challenged his wards for their title bid this season.

The Knights responded to the test with an impressive 8-0 record in the regular season and although they swept the eliminations, majority of the victories

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Mt. Carmel School coach Francis San Nicolas huddles with his players during a break in their title game against Eucon International School in the COPSSA high school caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.